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SYMBOLS

m	mass
v	velocity
d	distance
t	time
V	voltage
Mph	miles per hour
f	frequency
m/s	meter/second

ABBREVIATIONS

CC	Cruise Control
ADAS	Advanced Driver Assistant System
ACC	Adaptive Cruise Control
CACC	Co-operative Adaptive Cruise Control
RADAR	Radio Detection and Ranging
MPC	Model Predictive Control
KDE	Kernel Density Estimation
PDF	Probability Density Function
ABS	Anti-lock Braking System
ECC	Eco Cruising Control
Thw	Time head way
NPC	Non-linear Predictive Control
SOS	System of Systems
HMI	Human Machine Interface
DSC	Distance Control Status
SS	Speed Status
GSPI	Gain Scheduling Proportional Integral
GSLQ	Gain Scheduling Linear Quadratic
IIO	Incremental Input Output
GIS	Geographic Information System
GPS	Global Positioning System
SVM	Support Vector Machine
CAN	Control Area Network
HLC	High Level Control

mph	Miles per hour
CG	Center of Gravity
AEB	Automatic Emergency Braking

ABSTRACT

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In automotive industry, driver assistance and active safety features are main areas of research. This thesis concentrates on designing one of the famous ADAS system feature called Adaptive cruise control. Feature development and analysis of various functionalities involved in the system control are done using Petri Nets. A background on the past and current ACC research is noted and taken as motivation. The idea is to implement the adaptive cruise control system in Petri net and analyze how to provide fault tolerance to the system. The system can be evaluated for various cases. The ACC technology implemented in different cars were compared and discussed. The interaction of the ACC module with other modules in the car is explained. The cruise system's algorithm in Petri net is used as the basis for developing Adaptive Cruise Control system's algorithm. The ACC system model is designed using Petri nets and various Petri net functionalities like place invariant, transition invariant and reachability tree of the model are analyzed. The results are verified using Matlab. Controllers are introduced for ideal cases and are implemented in Petri nets. Then the error cases are considered and fault tolerance techniques are carried out on the model to identify the fault places.

1. INTRODUCTION

With the increasing demand for car and road safety, there is a necessity for a system that can effectively monitor the controls and assist in driving. Advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) aims to utilize the available human-machine interface to improve car safety. ADAS provides important and critical information to the driver, automates tasks that require extreme human precision with the goal of inciting road safety. ADAS technologies are currently contributing to reduction in the number of crashes and casualties thereby creating high expectations in the future. With the exponential rise in the number of vehicles, the need for an in-vehicle ADAS system is also rising exponentially. Adaptive cruise control, anti-lock braking, automatic parking, pedestrian protection system, blind spot detection are some examples of ADAS already in use. Cruise control is a servomechanism system used to maintain the speed of a vehicle set by the driver. The throttle pedal of the car is taken over by the cruise control system to maintain a steady speed. The cruise control system had its roots way back in 1940s, when there emerged an idea of manipulating the speed of a car using an electrically controlled device. Instead of the pedal press, the cruise control systems sought to operate the throttle by a cable connected to an actuator which would in turn control the acceleration of the car. However, blind implementation of cruise control without taking into consideration certain environmental and circumstantial factors led to undesirable operations causing it to become obsolete. In order to accommodate these factors into the cruise control, improved strategies known as Adaptive Cruise Control or autonomous cruise control were developed.

Adaptive cruise control is a type of ADAS which regulates the speed of the car causing the vehicle to maintain a safe distance from the vehicles ahead. The efficacy of the system can be seen especially on highways where the driver must continuously monitor their cruise control for their own safety. With the use of adaptive cruise con-

trol, the car will automatically accelerate or decelerate in accordance to the distance between the car and the vehicle in front. Adaptive cruise control systems drastically reduce the likelihood of rear end collisions thereby exhibiting potential to become a key ingredient in the development of self-driving cars. Adaptive cruise controls are generally LASER-based or RADAR-based systems. The former uses LASER to determine the distance ahead, while the latter uses one or more RADAR's to determine the safe distance. ACC systems enable safe driving by commandeering the brake and electrically controlled power steering to avoid collisions in the worst case scenarios. Multi-sensor systems are also incorporated to improve the driving experience and safety. The first instance of ACC roots back to 1995 when Mitsubishi used LASER to calculate the distance between the preceding vehicle and the host vehicle, as well as to control the throttle to reduce the speed.

1.1 Literature review

A human like algorithm in a model predictive control (MPC) framework which uses a two-loop optimization method is implemented. The dynamics of the ACC vehicle and the preceding vehicle were considered for designing the MPC control law. The behavior in discrete time form is approximated using accelerations of the ACC vehicle and acceleration command that is computed. The inter-distance, relative velocity, spacing error and jerk (change of acceleration) were calculated and interpreted graphically. The author of [1] argued that the proposed system will match human psychology and will provide safety and comfort. To generate test cases for Monte-Carlo simulations of Automated driving systems from naturalistic data, which will resemble real life test cases is proposed in [2]. The probability densities of N variables are created to generate regular test cases and a non-parametric approach is used to compute the probability density function (PDFs) using KDE. A testing framework with scenarios, sensors, controllers, drivers and vehicles are set up to simulate various kinds of test cases. Performance indicators are computed, stored and distributed. It

was seen from the results that probability of collision was less when THW increases. The relative errors of the probability were high despite high number of simulations because of low number of collisions.

The author aimed at developing an eco-cruising control with GPS and GIS for improving fuel efficiency in a research [3]. The architecture of the system consisted of elevation data acquirement, vehicle dynamic modeling and fuel consumption modeling. A nonlinear predictive control (NPC) is designed to deal with velocity control of the vehicle. To consider ride comfort, the acceleration and deceleration are in consideration with force and engine torque. The Lyapunov theory is used to analyze stability criteria of the ECC system. The simulations use two scenarios to prove efficiency of ECC. The fuel consumption is reduced to 4.78% and 4.1% respectively in both scenarios when compared to normal cruise control.

The author describes the ACC design using system of system (SOS) control approach in [4]. The system is explained with 3 sub-systems as HMI, sensing unit and the controller. The relative distance and relative velocity information of two cars is given by the sensing unit to the controller and desired vehicle speed with respect to safety distance is adjusted according to user request through the HMI unit. To understand the ACC behavior, they used two loops. The outer loop is controlled by MPC that tracks safety distance with comfort driving constraint and the output is desired acceleration or deceleration. The inner loop tracks the desired acceleration or deceleration. Each state is defined and analyzed for different state conditions. Low level control model controls throttle and brake position to maintain desired speed. They use PID controller with calculated gains. They simulated and tested the proposed model on OSKAR electrical vehicle.

The control of ACC system can be done by controlling throttle opening position in high speed range using 2 types of system design called gain scheduling proportional integral (GSPI) and gain scheduling linear quadratic (GSLQ). In the paper [5], control system is divided into two loops: inner loop and outer loop, where the outer loop tracks the distance between the car and controls switching mode since the CC and

ACC are controlled by switching mode. The inner loop acting as a velocity tracking controller, controls the brake position and the throttle position according to the varying speed. They used a vehicle model to explain the relation between engine speed, inertia, engine torque and various parameters that effect speed and distance of the vehicle. They used a look up table that includes engine torque vs engine rotation speed and percentage of throttle opening position. The desired distance headway is calculated using an equation called 'constant time headway policy. They have tested models in three scenarios as velocity tracking, distance tracking and switching mode, and simulated the results.

The position control algorithm can be used to control acceleration pedal and brake pedal by directly using DC servo motor. The two modes of control used by author Pananurak and his colleges in [6] are velocity and distance control. The low speed ACC is operated at very low speed approximately 5km/hr and stopping and restarting of vehicle is needed for motion of the vehicle. The inputs of fuzzy controller are relative velocity and distance error and the outputs are braking and velocity command. The distance sensor used is laser range finder, SICK LMS 291 and it is placed in the bumper. To calculate distance between the object and sensor, elapse time between transmitting and receiving of laser pulse is used. Digital low pass filter is used to filter noise in the velocity signal. For distance control experiment, fuzzy parameters are adjusted in the algorithm according to responses from the vehicle.

In an ADAS technology with an autonomous control system architecture they have created an intelligent ACC system consisting of three important parts in [4]. High level control, low level control and sensor unit subsystem. Each has a state machine to control the unit. The HLC state machine consist of 4 states according to which the system operates. ACC off state, distance control state, Pass state and cruise control state. Each state has a certain condition to function and the combination of various states is the ACC control system. It is basically a PID controller designed and tested on an electrical vehicle. So, the ACC system has SOS based control architecture.

They have explained a detailed simulation and test for each subsystem. Gazebo simulator is used for integrating test of all sub systems.

A discrete time model is used with a zero-order hold discretization with a sample time. The author in [7] presents a model predictive control (MPC) for execution and evaluation of ACC stop and go design. This paper aims to provide metrics for ACC SG to distinguish between comfort of longitudinal vehicle behavior and vehicle behavior in traffic. The control objective is to follow a vehicle at a safe distance. The peak values of host acceleration and relative speed are minimized, to obtain comfort and required vehicle behavior. The MPC is used for multivariable constrained control problems. A set of 7 simulations were carried out to evaluate the model.

The primary objective of the research [8] was to investigate possibilities of a personalized ACC, which matches driver preference to increase acceptance of the system. The proposed system used machine learning and manual driving data to bring about a success of 85% accuracy rate between two preference clusters. The reference in [8] focused on scenarios in which the predecessor car and host car have a high velocity difference such that the car must brake to maintain a safe distance (gap closing scenario). Obtaining and processing the raw data, detection and extraction of events and data, ACC preference prediction and adjusting the ACC settings are the steps involved in the methodology. Cross validation is used for accessing the performance of classifier. Self-reported assessments were also done through a questionnaire on ACC settings for drivers who drive long distance at lesser deceleration and for drivers who drive short distances at higher values of deceleration. TTC at first braking, maximum and average deceleration during braking and average THW were extracted from gap closing scenario.

The authors in [9] introduce a software called SiVIC, a platform which provides a virtual road environment. To test SiVIC a communication has been set up between SiVIC and RTmaps. A full speed range ACC has been tested on this platform. A camera, an inertial navigation system, an odometer, a beacon, a telemetric scanner and a radar are sensor plugins that are currently developed inside the SiVAC. An

application to SiVAC is a full speed range ACC. The authors goal is to control vehicle speed at a desired speed and scenario. An overview of the application with SiVIC vehicles, sensors and RTMap was observed in this paper. A graphical representation of distance between the vehicles, speed references and speed profiles of preceding and leading vehicles were also recognized.

The confusion in modes due to human interaction is caused due to reasons such as misunderstanding of the behavior by the driver, unnecessary complex automation along with poor display of the state is discussed in [10]. To battle the above issues, a new interface methodology was developed for ACC systems. Models of the machine and interface are developed. The traditional interface model has three modes which has been proven to cause high confusion due to incompatibility issues. Thereby, the four mode interface models was utilized as a baseline to improve the performance. Graphical user interface was implemented using a gauge clutter and was heavily based on the ones made by major names in the automobile industry. Another interesting observation was made in four and five mode models that the confusion occurred due to the similarity in color between two consecutive states. The solution was to merge both states that reduces the amount of confusion or surprise by the user.

A methodology by modeling and simulating cars having both V2V and ACC on three simulation scenarios to improve road safety is explained in [11] The platform used for simulation are SUMO and Scene Suite. The goals of the paper are to determine the main effects of low penetration rate of ADAS-ACC and V2V communication alone. The three phases of the proposed architecture are Specification and requirements, Modeling and simulation, and analysis and verification. Under specification and requirements, three different scenarios were developed to determine the implementation of the combination of V2V and ACC. The combination of ACC and V2V in comparison to ACC alone with a 40% and 60% penetration rate showed that, the former prevented all types of accidents including side and rear end collisions.

The advantages of Petri nets are:

- Linear-algebraic techniques can also be used to analyze the behavior of Petri nets.
- The concept of place-invariant is useful in that regard.
- Efficient techniques for extremely large systems.
- Modeling and analysis is easy.
- Discrete event systems simulation techniques on low cost platforms.
- Fault tolerance and security.
- Computational complexity.

1.2 Contributions

The contributions of this thesis are summarized as follows:

- Designed a control algorithm for Adaptive Cruise Control.
- Modeled the Adaptive cruise control in Petri Nets.
- Analyzed of the functionality of Petri nets.
- Verified the Adaptive cruise control process.
- Implemented controller and Fault tolerance techniques.

1.3 Organization

This Thesis seeks to design Adaptive cruise control strategy by employing Petri net control system and analyze the model with fault tolerance techniques. Chapter 2 explains the Petri nets concepts followed by Chapter 3 describing about various versions of ACC models in Petri net with their drawbacks and the derived final petri

net model rectifying all the observed drawbacks and the invariant analysis Chapter 4 describes the controller and fault tolerance techniques and Chapter 5 presents the conclusion and future work.

2. PETRI NETS

Petri nets are mathematical representations for modeling any day-to-day applications or life scenarios as discrete, continuous or hybrid systems or processes. These modeling tools are also called Place-Transition net that helps to represents various event or time based processes. Petri nets are known as weighted bipartite directed graph consisting of nodes and vertices called places and transitions respectively, which are inter-connected via arcs. The circles in model represents the places (concentric circles in case of a continuous system) and transitions are portrayed using thin rectangular bars opaque for discrete and transparent for continuous models. Arcs connect a transition to places or a place to transitions only and have a finite weight which are positive real numbers. The weight of any arc is equal to one, if the weights are not explicitly shown in the graphical representation. Also, for any given Petri net model, the graphical representation always have a finite number of places and transitions. The Petri net model was used to depict complex control systems and algorithms was invented by Carl Adam in the 1960s [12] to represent chemical processes.

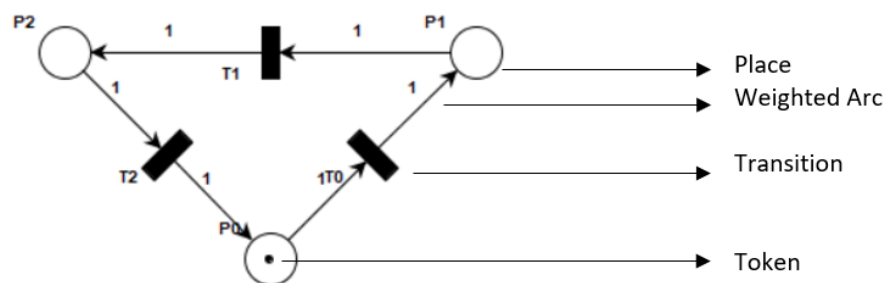


Fig. 2.1. Graphical representation of Petri nets

A typical example for a Petri net is as shown above. Various parts of a Petri net is also marked to get a better understanding of the same. Mathematically a Petri net graph is represented as follows,

$$PN = \{P, T, A, w\} \quad (2.1)$$

where, P , represents the set of finite Places in the Petri net model. Shown as circles in the above model. A model with N places is represented as,

$$P = \{P_0, P_1, P_2, \dots, P_{(N-1)}\} \quad (2.2)$$

T , represents the set of finite Transitions in the petri net model. Shown as the bars in the above model. A model with M transitions is represented as,

$$T = \{T_0, T_1, T_2, \dots, T_{(M-1)}\} \quad (2.3)$$

A , represents set of all arcs from P to T (places to transitions) and T to P (transitions to places). A model with N places and M transitions is represented with arcs as follows,

$$A \subseteq (P \times T) \cup (T \times P) \quad (2.4)$$

w represents the weights carried by each arcs depicted in the Petri net model. As mentioned above, if no weights has been explicitly depicted, it means it carries a weight of one. Mathematically it is represented as,

$$w = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \quad (2.5)$$

Apart from these notations, the set of arcs, A is represented using matrix form using the input incident matrix and output incident matrix to simplify the mathematical calculations associated with petri nets. B^- being the input incident matrix, which constitute the arc weights of edges directed from places transitions $(P \times T)$. The weight of an arc from place P_i to transition T_j is represented as $w(P_i, T_j)$ of matrix, $B^-[B^-(P_i, T_j)]$ captures the output incident matrix, which constitute the arc weights of edges directed from transitions to places. The weight of an arc from

transition T_j to place P_i is represented as $w(T_j, P_i)$ of matrix, $B^+[B^-(P_i, T_j)]$. If there arent any arcs connecting any place to transition or transition to place then the value of $B^-(P_i, T_j)$ or $B^+(P_i, T_j)$ is zero. For instance, these terminologies are applied to the petri net depicted in figure 2.1. The above petri net model has 3 places $P = \{P_0, P_1, P_2\}$ and 3 transitions $T = \{T_0, T_1, T_2\}$. All the transitions has a weight of one as shown in the model. Thus, the input and output incident matrices can be derived as,

$$B^- = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad B^+ = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2.6)$$

The set of arcs, A is given for the model in figure 2.1 is represented as,

$$A = \{(P_0, T_0), (P_1, T_1), (P_2, T_2), (T_2, P_0), (T_1, P_2), (T_0, P_1)\}$$

2.1 Petri Net Marking Scheme

The system dynamics or mechanisms are also represented using the graphical representation of petri nets. The various events carried out in a system at each instants of time are depicted in the model. To do so, sequence of events or states depicted in the model require a pictorial mapping called tokens to show a particular event that has been occurred after meeting a certain criterion or condition. Figure 2.1 shows that place have a token represented using a black dot. This unique representation of tokens (non-negative in number) in a petri net model is called as marking. We can represent this mathematically as follows,

$$M:P \longrightarrow \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

The marking vector, M depicted above is a column matrix, which represents the number of tokens in each place of the petri net model. The rows in the marking vector represents all the places in the petri net model. The marking vector has a

value zero if a particular places does not have any tokens. $M(P_i)$ describes marking vector of a place (i.e., total number of tokens in place, P_i) where i represent the place denoted in the model. For instance, if we consider the example model shown in figure 2.2, $M(P_0) = 1$, $M(P_1) = 0$, $M(P_2) = 0$ and it can be seen that places P_2 and P_1 has no tokens hence the value corresponding to it in the marking vector is zero. Thus, number of tokens and corresponding value in the marking vector is always any positive integer greater than or equal to zero. M_0 denotes the initial marking vector of a petri model, i.e., state of the system before any transition or event is about to occur or get triggered. M_1 , M_2 and so on are the next successive marking vectors that represent the state of the system after successive transitions have been triggered.

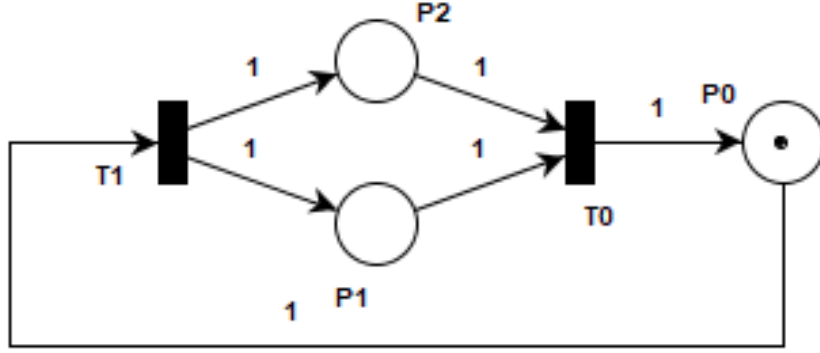


Fig. 2.2. Petri Net model- An Example

Considering the example in figure 2.2, the initial marking vector for the system is as shown below,

$$M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \quad (2.7)$$

Therefore, the marked Petri net (M_{PN}) is given by the equation,

$$M_{PN} = \{P, T, A, w, M_0\} \quad (2.8)$$

where M_0 is the column vector representing the initial marked state of the model or system i.e., marking of all places in the net and P, T, A and w are same as explained above.

2.2 Petri Nets Dynamics

Once all parameters, including the placement of tokens, incident matrices of the Petri net, etc., have been identified or defined, we can explain about the dynamics of the Petri net which is nothing but the changing state of the model, i.e., change in markings, due to the triggered transitions. When the number of tokens contained in the input places is greater than or equal to the arc weight, we can say that a transition is enabled. In other words, transition T_j is enabled for a particular marking M_k if and only if the below condition is satisfied.

$$M_k(P_i) \geq B^-(P_i, T_j) \quad (2.9)$$

Consider the below petri net (shown in figure 2.3) , initially only transitions T_0 is triggered while the following transitions T_1 , T_2 and T_3 are not triggered. This is has been arrived based on the condition in equation 2.8 is satisfied.

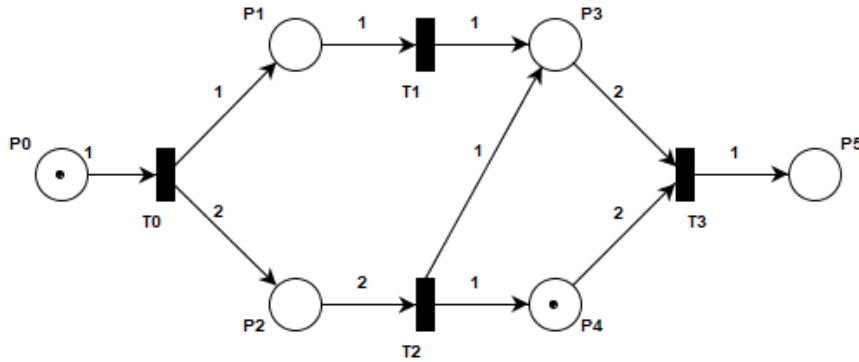


Fig. 2.3. Example to depict Petri net dynamics

Enabled transition and fireable transition are two different aspects generally, the inequality equation above defines the condition for enabling a transition. Whereas, the condition for firing is more general, i.e., to make a transition fireable it has to be both enabled and satisfy other external conditions/events or a time condition. For autonomous discrete Petri nets, those Petri nets which their dynamics are not affected by external events not time, as soon as a transition gets enabled, it fires. The dynamics of firing occurs in two steps, but it is an immediate process assumed to not have any time duration. First, a specific number of tokens are moved to the transitions from each input place to that transition. The number of tokens moved is equal to the weight of the arc that connects the input place to the transition. Second, tokens are transferred from the transition to all its output places. The number of tokens transferred to each output place is equal to the weight of the arc connecting the transition to the destination place [12].

To get a broader picture about the same let us consider our previous example from figure 2.3. Transitions T0 is triggered while the following transitions T1,T2 and T3, are not triggered. So T0 fires and a token is removed from place, P0 and then a token is added to place P1 and 2 tokens are added to place, P2 respectively. Therefore, initial marking $M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ is changed to $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ following the transition, T0 This process of firing can be expressed as, $M_1 \xrightarrow{t_0} M_1$.

Now, after the firing of transition, T0, the following transitions, T1, T2 are enabled. So there are 2 case, case 1: T1 gets triggered first and then transition T2 and case 2: first T2 gets triggered and then T1 gets triggered. Considering the case 1, firing T1 from the marking $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ so we get $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ and no additional transitions are triggered. Now, triggering T2 then $M_3 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$. Following the above transition T2, transition T3, gets triggered and 2 tokens each from places P3 and is removed and placed in P5 and marking the terminal node with marking $M_5 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}^T$. Now let us consider the case 2, so firing transition T2 from the marking $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$

so we get $M_2 = (0 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \ 2 \ 0)^T$ and no additional transitions are triggered. Then, triggering T1 so, $M_3 = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 2 \ 2 \ 0)^T$. Following, the above transition T1, T3 gets triggered and 2 tokens each from places P3 and P4 is removed and added in P5 and marking the terminal node with marking $M_5 = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1)^T$. Therefore, to provide an easier analysis of Petri nets dynamics, a chart showing all the column vectors of all possible marking connected through transitions (arcs) called reachability graph comes into picture. The reachability graph provides us with all possible markings and its generated sequence of the model from figure 2.3, is as shown in figure 2.4 below.

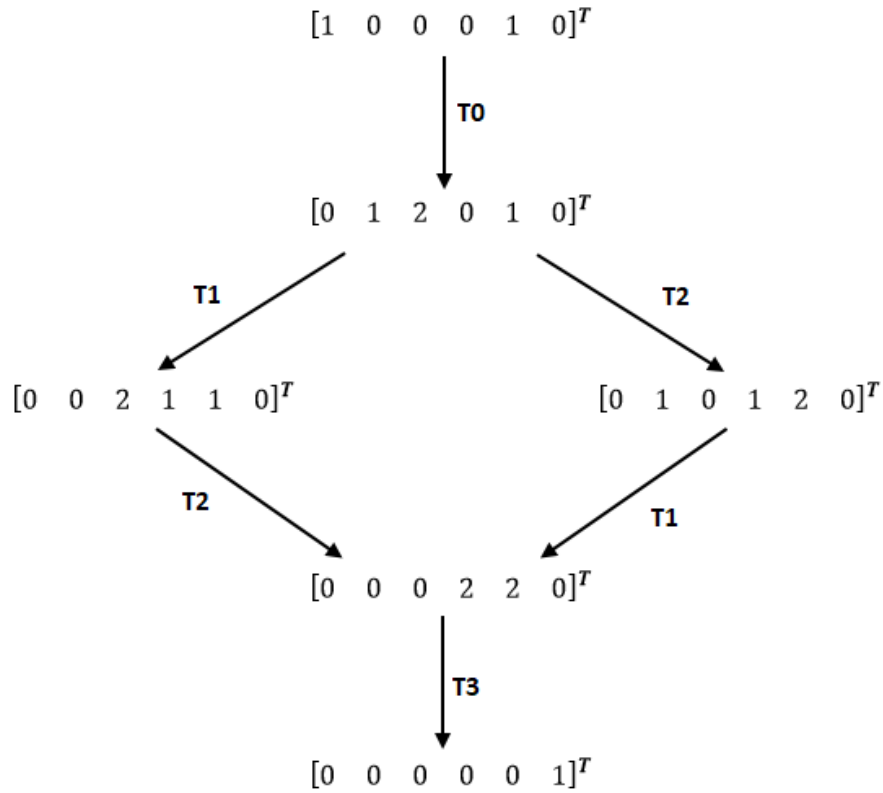


Fig. 2.4. Reachability Tree for Petri Net model

Sometimes, in certain models of Petri Nets, the total reachable states or markings can be infinite. That is at-times a place can have an unbounded number of tokens are

hence called as unbounded Petri Net models and becomes less possible to analyze all reachable states of the model using a reachability graph. In such cases, a converability root tree technique is utilized to describe the states, this has been explained in more depth by David and Alla [?].

2.3 Petri Nets State Equation

Considering the previous example for Petri net in figure 2.3, it was to derive all possible reachable states and study about the firing sequences. However, this becomes overwhelming as number of places in the model increases and then the marking grows exponentially, this makes it extremely difficult and at times nearly impossible to analyze larger and complicated systems. As we know, the bipartite model of Petri nets provides a mathematical equation in linear algebra and by solving it via program simplifies the generation of final marking state from its initial marking through a sequence of triggered transitions. As defined above, the marked petri net is defined as $M_{PN} = \{P, T, A, w, M_0\}$ and the matrices B^- and B^+ have a dimension of $N \times M$ Where N denotes the number of places and M denotes the number of transitions in the Petri net model.

Now, introducing the matrix B of $N \times M$ dimension, which is defined as matrix formed from the difference of output incident matrix and input incident matrix and is called the incident matrix. The incident matrix of the example in the figure 2.3 is explained below,

$$\begin{aligned}
 B &= B^+ - B^- \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.10}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, the algebraic or the state equation of Petri net is defined as,

$$M'_{k+1} = M_k + B.S \tag{2.11}$$

Where M_k is the marking column vector ($N \times 1$) of Petri net before the firing sequence S ($M \times 1$) and M'_{k+1} is the marking column vector ($N \times 1$) after the transition defined by firing sequence S ($M \times 1$) has been occurred, $M_k \xrightarrow{S} M'_{k+1}$. Considering example

from figure 2.3 we have, $M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ and $S = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T$ as the initial matrices for the calculation. Plugging them into the state equation, we have,

$$\begin{aligned}
 M &= M_0 + B.S \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \tag{2.12}
 \end{aligned}$$

2.4 Continuous Petri Nets

All this while, we have discussed about Discrete Petri nets in detail, which are event driven system model as the sequence of states, of the model, changes based on the discrete events that arise in the system. However, in reality, most of the systems changes their state or condition continuously with respect to time, for instance, assembly line in an automotive industry, traffic light and the corresponding vehicle flow etc., are all continuous systems in nature. Hence, such systems cannot be modeled or depicted using a discrete event driven Petri net model and there by defining the concept of Continuous Petri Nets which are more flexible and robust when the systems are continuous in nature or driven by time rather than events. Most of the definition defined for Discrete Petri nets is still valid in case of a Continuous Petri nets. However, they are different from each other in the following aspects,

- The arc weights from places to transitions and vice versa and the number of tokens in any continuous place need not be an integer but can be any real number.
- Pictorially, the places are represented by concentric circles and the transitions as represented by a transparent rectangular box. Each transition is associated with a specific firing quantity (a non-negative real number) [13].

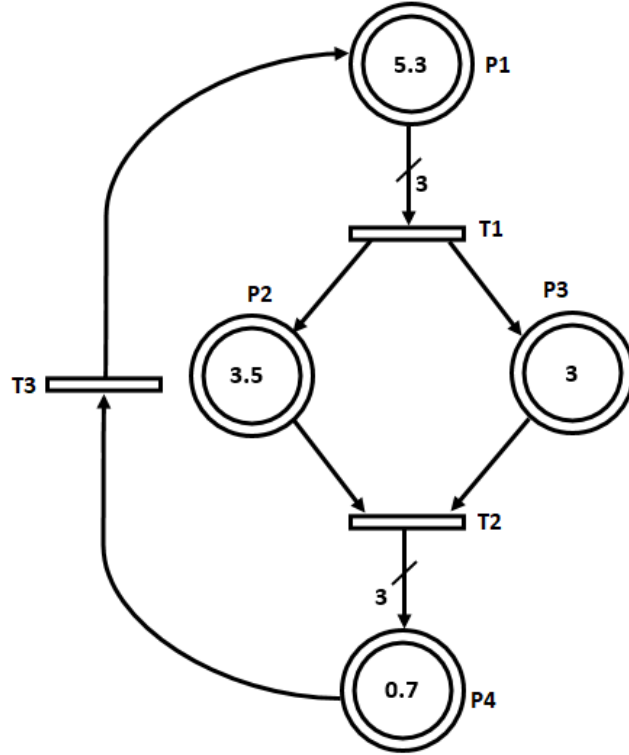


Fig. 2.5. Example for Continuous Petri Net

Figure 2.5 shows an example for a continuous Petri net consisting of four places and three transitions. In case of continuous Petr nets, a transition T_j is said to be q -enabled for a particular marking m_k if the enabling degree q is greater than zero, as given by the equation below.

$$q = \min_{(i:PiT_j^{in})} \frac{(m_k(P_i))}{(B^-(PiT_j))} \quad (2.13)$$

This means that the enabling degree q of the transition Tj at the marking m_k is the minimum value of division each marking of the transition Tj input places on the weight of the arc connects that place to the transition. Note that q is a finite positive real number.

From figure 2.5, after applying the enabling degree definition, we have, transition T1 is 3-enabled, transition T2 is 2-enabled and the transition T3 is 0.7-enabled. However, the mechanisms behind a continuous Petri net is different from that of a discrete Petri Net in terms of enabling conditions. To further understand the firing of a transition and the corresponding firing sequence of continuous Petri Nets, a new notation is introduced: α . A transition Tj is fired by the value α at one time is represented as $[Tj]^\alpha$. For instance, $[T3]^{0.4}$ means that transition T3 is fired by the amount of 0.4, that is 0.4 tokens are removed from the continuous place, P4 and are added to continuous place, P1. The marking for the model is therefore modified to:

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 5.7 & 3.5 & 3 & 0.3 \end{pmatrix}^T \text{ from } s = \begin{pmatrix} 5.3 & 3.5 & 3 & 0.7 \end{pmatrix}^T$$

Now, for continuous Petri nets, the total number of possible reachable states are often infinite even when it is bounded Petri nets. So, it becomes nearly impossible to define all the reachable states in the reachability graph. Hence, we define a general marking concept called macro marking to consider all the markings in the reachability graph showing if the places have tokens or not. For instance, consider the petri net from figure 2.5, having 4 places so it could have maximum of 16 macro markings. That is a Petri net model with n places has 2^n macro-markings possible. 16 macro-markings:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & m_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_2 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & m_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & 0 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \\ & \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 & m_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 & 0 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & 0 \end{pmatrix}^T \\ & \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & 0 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_2 & 0 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_2 & m_3 & m_4 \end{pmatrix}^T \end{aligned}$$

where m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4 are positive real numbers or the tokens of continuous places of the model. Figure 2.6 shows the reachability graph using macro-markings for the given Petri net from figure 2.5. As we can see from the graph below, there are only 4 possible macro markings out of the 16 macro markings for a 4 place model and is because it is not reachable for the model to have marking with m_1 and m_2 as zero, that is other 12 markings are not reachable since it is not possible for the markings m_1 and m_2 to have less than 2.3 and 0.5 tokens respectively.

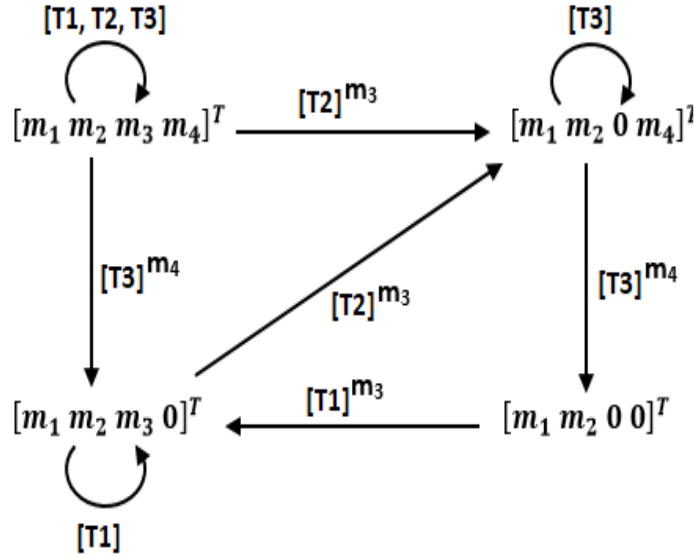


Fig. 2.6. Reachability Graph for a Continuous Petri Net using Macro-Markings

2.5 Hybrid Petri Nets

As mentioned earlier Continuous Petri nets are specifically fitting for modeling flows like the flowing of liquid or a machine production system. However, this continuous process may be instantaneously hampered such as shutting down the valve or failure/malfunctioning of machine for instance. This leads to having additional continuous Petri net. A hybrid Petri net can be used to prototype such scenarios consisting of both continuous and discrete Petri nets. That is with continuous places

(represented as C - places) and continuous transitions (represented as C - transitions) and discrete places (depicted as D - places) and discrete transitions (depicted as D - transitions). In addendum, a discrete marking could be transformed into a continuous marking and inversely a continuous marking to a discrete marking. The continuous place markings are depicted by using a real number, called a mark, and dots constitute to be the marking for a discrete place, called tokens. Marked hybrid Petri nets consist of six basic components:

$$H_{PN} = \{P, T, B^-, B^+, m_0, h_{PN}\} \quad (2.14)$$

Where, h_{PN} represents the hybrid function to depict the places and transitions for a continuous or a discrete Petri net model.

$$h_{PN} : P \cup T \longrightarrow \{C, D\} \quad (2.15)$$

As mentioned earlier in the discrete Petri net model, $\{P, T, B^-, B^+, m_0, h_{PN}\}$ holds the same descriptions. But here, P contains both discrete and continuous places similarly T contains all the transitions both continuous and discrete. Say, P^C depicts set of all continuous places and P^D depicts set of all discrete places for any hybrid Petri net model HPN then, $P = P^C \cup P^D$. Likewise, if T^C depicts set of all possible continuous transitions and T^D depicts set of all possible discrete transitions for the HPN model then, $T = T^C \cup T^D$. Also, here m_0 represent the initial marking for the hybrid Petri net model with markings of both continuous and discrete places. Say, M_D equals set of all markings of all discrete places of the HPN model and M_C equals set of all markings of all continuous places of the HPN model. Also, say m_c and m_d represents the number of continuous and discrete places respectively. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} M_0 &= (M_c, M_D) \\ &= [P_0, P_1, \dots, P_{m_{c-1}} P_{m_c} P_{m_{c+1}} \dots P_{m_{c+m_d-2}} P_{m_{c+m_d-1}}] \end{aligned} \quad (2.16)$$

Additionally, the arcs joining a discrete place to a continuous transition should be equal in their arc weights. That is for, P_c , describing a continuous place P_d ,

describing a discrete place t_c , describing a continuous transition and Td, describing a discrete transition, related using the below equation has to be satisfied for all possible places and transitions of the particular HPN model.

$$B^+(Pd, Tc) = B^-(Pd, Tc) \quad (2.17)$$

Also, the hybrid Petri model have different rules for enabling conditions due to the presence of continuous and discrete places and transitions within the model.

Case 1: Discrete transitions the same rule mentioned for discrete Petri net models are still valid. It is not applicable if a place is discrete or continuous. So, a discrete transition T_j^D is enabled for a particular marking M_k if the below condition is satisfied irrespective of the nature of the places.

$$M_k(P_i) \geq B^-(P_i, T_j^D) \quad (2.18)$$

Case 2: Continuous transitions: A continuous transition T_j^C is enabled for a particular marking M_k if and only if the below condition(s) are satisfied.

Continuous transition T_j^C and for every input places that are discrete:

$$M_k(P_i^D) \geq B^-(P_i^D, T_j^C) \quad (2.19)$$

Continuous transition T_j^C and for every input places that are continuous:

$$M_k(P_i^c) \geq 0 \quad (2.20)$$

The state equation for hybrid Petri net HPN is given by the relation same as the one for discrete model but here we just need to include the continuous markings too and the components can be an integer or a real number based on discrete or continuous transitions respectively.

$$M'_{k+1} = M_k + B.S \quad (2.21)$$

Consider the hybrid Petri net shown in figure 2.7. Here, P0 and P1 are discrete places and P2, P3 and P4 are continuous places of the hybrid model. Also, T_1^D and T_2^C are discrete and continuous transitions respectively.

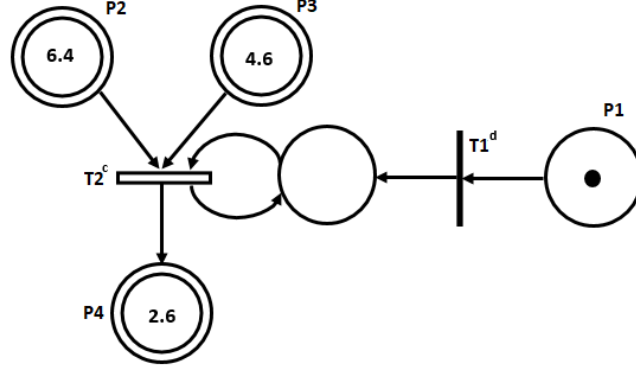


Fig. 2.7. Example for Hybrid Petri Net Model

The initial marking is $M_0 = (M_D, M_C)$ equals, $M_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 6.4 & 4.2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^T$. Now here only transition T_1^D is enabled and the new marking is $M_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 6.4 & 4.2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^T$ and now the transition T_2^C is enabled until all the tokens from P3 is transferred to P4 and the new marking for $\alpha = 0.4([T_2^C]^{0.4})$ is $M_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 6 & 4.2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}^T$. And the final marking for the given hybrid model when none of the transitions are enabled is $M_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & 0.2 & 7 \end{pmatrix}^T$ David and Alla have more examples [10, 11] that gives more insight regarding state equations and various changes associated with state of hybrid Petri nets [14].

3. ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 Definition

Adaptive cruise control is a basic part of ADAS systems. It is an add-on intelligence to the present cruise control system. It is also called as Autonomous cruise control, Predictive cruise control or Radar cruise system. The vehicle is equipped with a radar system under the bumper which detects when there is a car in the same lane and the desired speed is set by the driver as usual with cruise control. Once the car is detected, the distance between the cars can be adjusted accordingly to maintain a safe distance as shown in figure 3.1. Sensors play a key role in ACC and almost all ADAS systems. Here, instead of RADAR we can use LiDAR, infrared cameras according to the necessity.

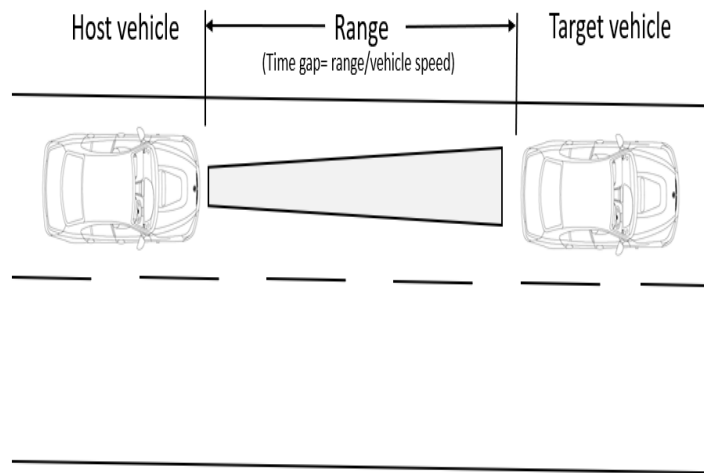


Fig. 3.1. ACC Concept

The adaptive cruise controls systems that are currently used in the vehicles use on-board sensors like a stereo camera or radar or laser, which help in detecting the vehicle ahead based on their sensing capabilities. According to the levels of automation specified by the SAE, vehicles equipped only with adaptive cruise control are classified as level 1 [15].

3.2 Adaptive Cruise Control system interface

The model of ACC can be divided into upper-level model and lower-level model. UL model consists of acceleration as input and position of vehicle as output. Lower level model has accelerator or brake as input and vehicle's acceleration as output [16]. UL model represents the distance between the two car. It is basically calculated by using the Constant Time-Gap (CTG). Since we are dealing with the moving vehicle dynamics, Variable Time Gap (VTG) is considered [17]. So there are various components involved to formulate an algorithm for the vehicle movement matching with the front vehicle. The major ones are Control unit, sensors, and the communication protocol as shown in figure 3.2.

3.2.1 Control Unit

- Adaptive Cruise Control Module: The main function of the Adaptive cruise control modules is to process the information coming from the radar regarding the target presence and identification of the correct target. If the ACC system can consist of both the Radar and Camera sensors then the ACC module processes and fuses the information from both the sensors for identifying the correct target. It also has the responsibility of sending the corresponding information to Engine control module, brake control module, and other modules for maintaining the set distance of the ACC.

- **Body Control Module:** The main function in this process is to take the input from the driver using the steering wheel switches or other switches used by the ACC and sends the information to the ACC module and to the instrument cluster to notify the driver of his input. The BCM uses communication protocol like Local Interconnect network (LIN) to communicate with the switches.
- **Engine Control Module:** The main function of the engine control module is to receive the speed commanded by the ACC feature and then adjust the engine throttle accordingly to change the vehicle speed. Engine control module in turn communicates with other modules like Transmission control module to change the commanded gear for increasing or decreasing speeds.
- **Brake Control Module:** If ACC is commanding a decrease in speed then it sends the information to the brake control module which gets the vehicle speeds from the wheel speed sensors in each wheel to decrease the speed accordingly using braking systems like Antilock Braking system (ABS) which is a hydraulic braking system with electronic enhancement.
- **Instrument Cluster:** Instrument cluster receives information from the ACC module to notify the driver about the status of the ACC Feature. The Current status includes information on, graphics indicating presence of a target vehicle, Driver information center text messages when ACC enabled and disabled, ACC Gap setting information commanded by the driver using the steering wheel controls, informations indicating the current set speed of the ACC, etc.

3.2.2 Sensors

The ACC feature implemented using multiple sensors, like using both radars and camera to increase the detection efficiency and reliability to detect the traffic upfront. These type of ACC systems are accompanied by other driver assist features like the lane assist and lane maintaining system to help the car be in the same lane while

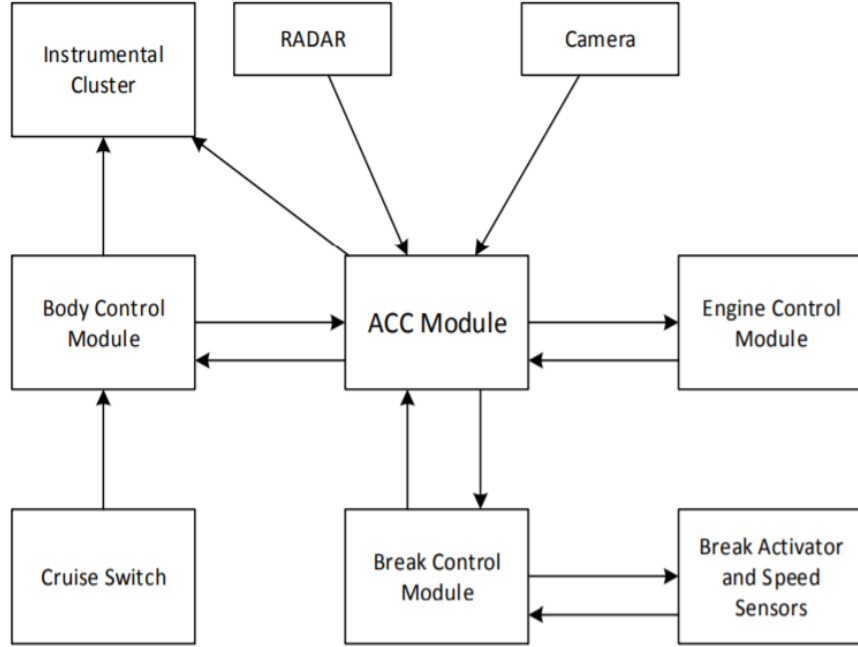


Fig. 3.2. Interface of ACC system with the modules

following vehicle ahead. As RADAR is the crucial sensor in ACC, the working is explained in details. Radio Detection and Ranging works based on Doppler Effect; It is an object detection system that utilizes radio waves to determine range and velocity of objects. It is primarily used here to detect vehicles in the front and rear, occasionally in the left and right as well. Radar system consists of a transmitter to transmit radio waves, a transmitting antenna, a receiving antenna, a radio receiver and a processor to determine the required properties of the objects in the field. It can determine the location (position) and the speed (velocity) of the object in consideration. Radar continuously passes the radio signals and determines the speed of the object by measuring the change in frequency of the returned radio signals (Doppler Effect). Power of the radio signals returning to the receiving antenna is given by [18].

$$P_r = \frac{P_t G_t \sigma A_r F^4}{(4\pi)^2 R_t^2 R_r^2} \quad (3.1)$$

where,

P_r - Power of the transmitter

P_t - Power of the receiver

G_t - Gain of the transmitting antenna

A_r - effective aperture (area) of the receiving antenna where, $A_r = \frac{G_r \lambda}{4\pi}$

G_r - Gain of the receiving antenna

λ Transmitted length

σ - Radar cross section F - Pattern propagation factor R_t - distance between transmitter to target (object) R_r - distance from target (object) to receiver

ACC uses active radar, in that, radio signals are transmitted and reflected back. The Doppler frequency is given by [19],

$$F_D = 2 \times F_T \times \frac{V_R}{C} \quad (3.2)$$

where,

F_D - Doppler frequency

F_T - transmit frequency

C - speed of light 3×10^8 (m/s)

V_R - radial velocity

Radar currently used in ACC is when the ACC is switched ON, Radar starts detecting objects (say greater than 25 mph) and if there is a vehicle, say at 1 or 2 vehicle distance in the front or rear, it alerts the user and accelerates/decelerates the vehicle based on the requirement. For example, if the vehicle in the front is cruising at 60 mph and the user is cruising at 70 mph, the Radar detects the distance and reduces the user speed to 60 mph. But assuming there is a vehicle cruising at 65 mph in the rear; our smart ACC system finds a balance between the two speeds (say 62.5 mph) and alerts the user [20].

3.2.3 Communication Protocol

Adaptive Cruise control feature uses Controller Area Network (CAN) to communicate with the other modules in the vehicle which is a type of serial communication. Depending on the features requirement the ACC feature communicates with the other modules.

3.3 Feature implementation by OEMs

Following is the description of how the Adaptive cruise control feature is implemented and used by few of the OEMs.

There are some variations on how different sensors are used by different OEMs to implement the ACC feature, Toyota's ACC feature called as Dynamic Radar Cruise control is implemented using a radar in the front grille behind the Toyota emblem and a camera inside the car to detect the vehicle ahead and keep a safe distance. Audi's Adaptive cruise control stop and go feature uses two radar sensors in the front which can also be heated in cold weathers. Mercedes Benz's ACC feature Distronic plus feature uses a radar in the front to detect the vehicle in the ACC feature. Honda uses a radar in the lower front bumper and a camera inside the car at the windshield behind the rearview mirror. Volvo also uses a radar camera setup like Honda and Toyota to implement the ACC feature.

The operating speeds of the ACC feature also vary from one OEM to another. Toyota advanced ACC feature Full speed range dynamic range cruise control works from speeds 0 to 110 MPH. which also allows low speed following and in some cases the feature also stops the vehicle colliding with front vehicles on highways. Audis ACC stop and Go feature works from speeds 0 to 155 MPH which also limits the deceleration roughly to $4m/s^2$ to make the passengers feel more comfortable. Audi A8 has a feature in ACC stop and go which takes signals from 30 control modules to assist the driver in 30 complex situations. For example, since it communicates with navigation system it can predict the route ahead and see if the oncoming road

has curved lanes or not to see if the car should slow down. The Distronic plus ACC feature in Mercedes Benz and ACC feature in Volvo operate from speeds 0 to 125 MPH.

The Gap that is set in the ACC feature which to be maintained between the host vehicle and the vehicle ahead is either measured in absolute distance or time. In Mercedes Benz, the driver can choose a distance of 100, 200 or 300 meters depending on his preference and traffic condition. In Honda, the following distance does not depend on absolute distance on the time. It has short (1.1s), middle (1.5s) long (2.1s), Extralong (2.8s) gap setting to follow vehicle. In Volvo, the driver can choose how ACC should use the preset time interval based on the drive mode. If the drive mode is Eco, then the ACC maintains long interval to the vehicle ahead. If the mode is comfort, then ACC try to follow the set time interval as smoothly as possible. If the Drive mode is set to Dynamic, then ACC focuses on following the set time interval to the vehicle ahead more closely, which may mean even heavier acceleration and braking in few cases.

3.4 Model of Adaptive cruise control in Discrete Petri net

The modeling in this thesis was done by considering the host vehicle as our interest. The Discrete Petri net part of the model will be used to depict the high-level events that happen in Autonomous cruise control system. The various versions of the model are discussed in this section with the explanation of the drawbacks of each model and how it was overcome in the following versions

3.4.1 Version 1

In working of a cars control system there are lot of factors to be considered from key ON to Key OFF. Once Key-ON, engine gets fuel supply and the car moves. The data from various sensors are communicated through to CAN, LIN. The process behind the engine ON and the acceleration of the vehicle is out of scope for this

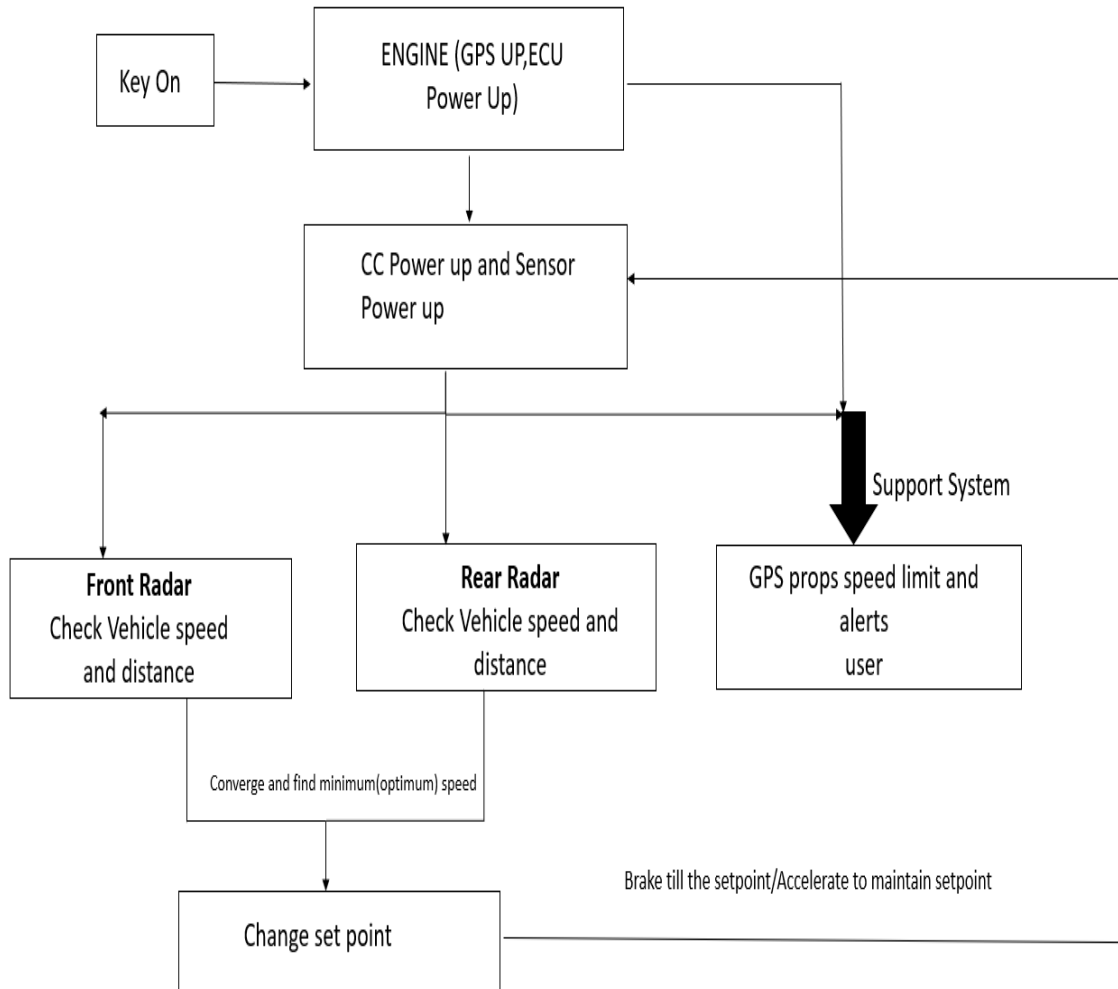


Fig. 3.3. Flow Chart of Version 1

research. Even there are many co-systems of ACC like ABS, Lane tracker, collision avoidance, etc, that shares the sensors and can be integrated together for autonomous vehicle development with car active safety. In this model 3.4, high-level events of the adaptive cruise control system are captured and explained.

As per the control flow, once the car is ON, it is powering up the engine and the other systems, in this case GPS tracker is being considered. As soon as the engine is ON, the model checks for other power up such as Cruise control system and sensors necessary for the ACC system to function. In this model 3.4, it is considered as we

have two RADAR system one in the front and other in the back. If there is a car detected on either side, the radar system checks for the vehicle speed and distance from both ends. There is an add on system which alerts user if the vehicle speed is greater than current road speed limit. The speed limit data is extracted from the GPS. Once the speed from the front and back vehicle is recorded, the values are converged and the optimal speed for the vehicle is determined. The optimal speed is converted by comparing the speed of the vehicles, by maintaining a constant set distance on both sides. Then the calculated speed is send to the controller to change the set speed. The control of events and control flow are shown in the Petri net model.

Model Explanation

The working model of the autonomous cruise control system is explained in figure 3.4. Initially it is assumed that the car is ON so there is a token already existing in place P0 and the weights on the arc is 1. A token in P0 triggers the transition T0 which power ups the engine control module (ECM) and other system like GPS in this case. When there are tokens in P1 and P2, it will trigger the transition T1, which will pass the tokens to P3 and P4. Token in P3, P4 indicates the system check for the enabling condition of the cruise control system and the sensors used by the system (RADAR). These places again trigger the transition T2 to enable P5, P6, P7, P8, P9, where P5 and P6 are the front Radar vehicle speed and distance respectively, P8 and P9 are the rear radar vehicle speed and distance respectively and P9 is the place for checking the speed limit for the current road and sending alert to the driver. Once all the places have the token, the optimal speed for the situation is calculated with the speed limit involved in the calculation and it will enable the transition T3 which sets the optimal speed. The set speed enables the transition T4 which acts as a feedback loop from the set speed to the ECM. The transition T4 sends the calculated set speed to the controller. This will adjust the speed of the vehicle with the speed of

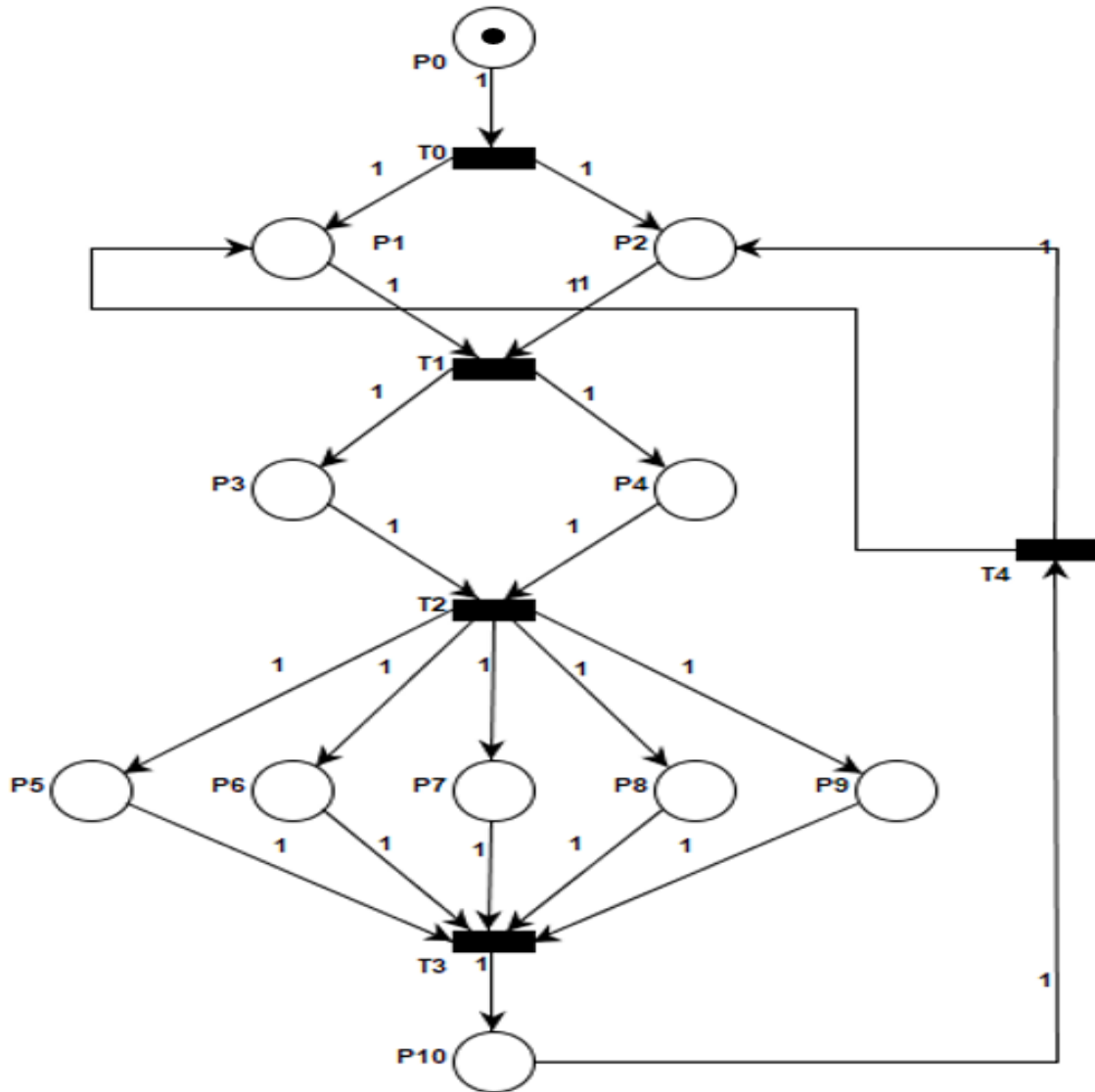


Fig. 3.4. Petri Net model of Version 1

the vehicle in the front by taking control of lower level features such as the accelerator and brake.

Drawbacks

In this model, the front and rear radar values are concurrent events. If both the values are captured at the same time, there is a possibility of rear radar overriding

the front radar value if the calibration is not proper. In a case, when the front radar stops detecting and we get a value from the rear radar which tends the speed of the host vehicle without the concern about the front car. There is a high probability of crash with the front car. Involving of rear radar is needless because we cannot control the rear vehicles speed. If the rear vehicle speed is controlled, it opens the scope to Vehicle to vehicle communication, a different area of research. So always for this system, front radar should be given priority for calculating the speed of the host vehicle at the fixed distance set by the driver.

3.4.2 Version 2

Considering, all the drawback from the old version, a new model is designed by incorporating manual control option when the system fails. So in case when there is a sensor failure, or cruise control system failure, the control shift to manual speed which is set by the driver by accelerating or braking. Individual closed loop is designed for both manual and ACC system.

The control flow is shown in the Figure 3.5. When the car is Key ON, the manual control is activated i.e, the car is accelerating at a certain speed. When the driver wants to activate the cruise control system, the CC button is ON. Once the cruise control is activated, it checks for the system failure. If the system is not working, the control goes to the manual driving. In this research system failure is considered as cruise control system or RADAR failure. If the CC system is working, it checks for the car in the front. Radar sensor plays a role in the car detection and finding the distance between the cars. If there is no car in the front, the system takes the set speed set by the Cruise control system. If there is a car in the front, it finds the distance between the target car and the host car. With the desired distance the speed of the target vehicle is observed that helps in calculating the optimal speed of the host vehicle. Once we derive the optimal speed, the speed is achieved in the host car by adjusting the throttle or brake of the car. When the driver accelerates

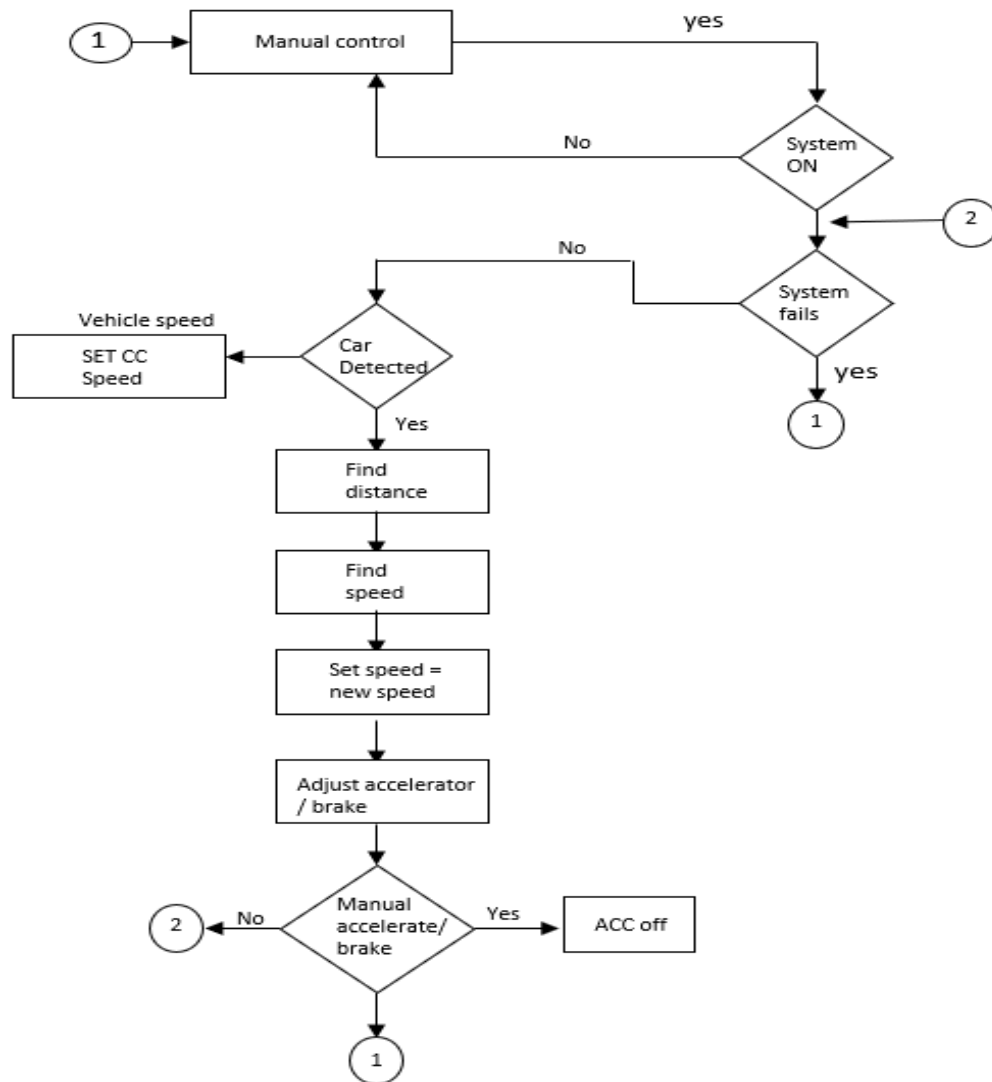


Fig. 3.5. Flow Chart of Version 2

or brake the car the cruise control system will cut OFF and returns to the manual driving of the car. This can be used for emergency cases where the user must brake suddenly. If there is no override value from the user, the set speed is sent to the controller and the action is carried out in a loop until the driver presses the brake or throttle pedal. The difference between the brake and throttle pedal action in real time vehicle implementation is, if the brake is pressed the CC is fully cut OFF but when

the car is accelerated the controller takes the override value and once the throttle pedal is released it comes back to the CC set speed unless the driver wants to brake suddenly [21].

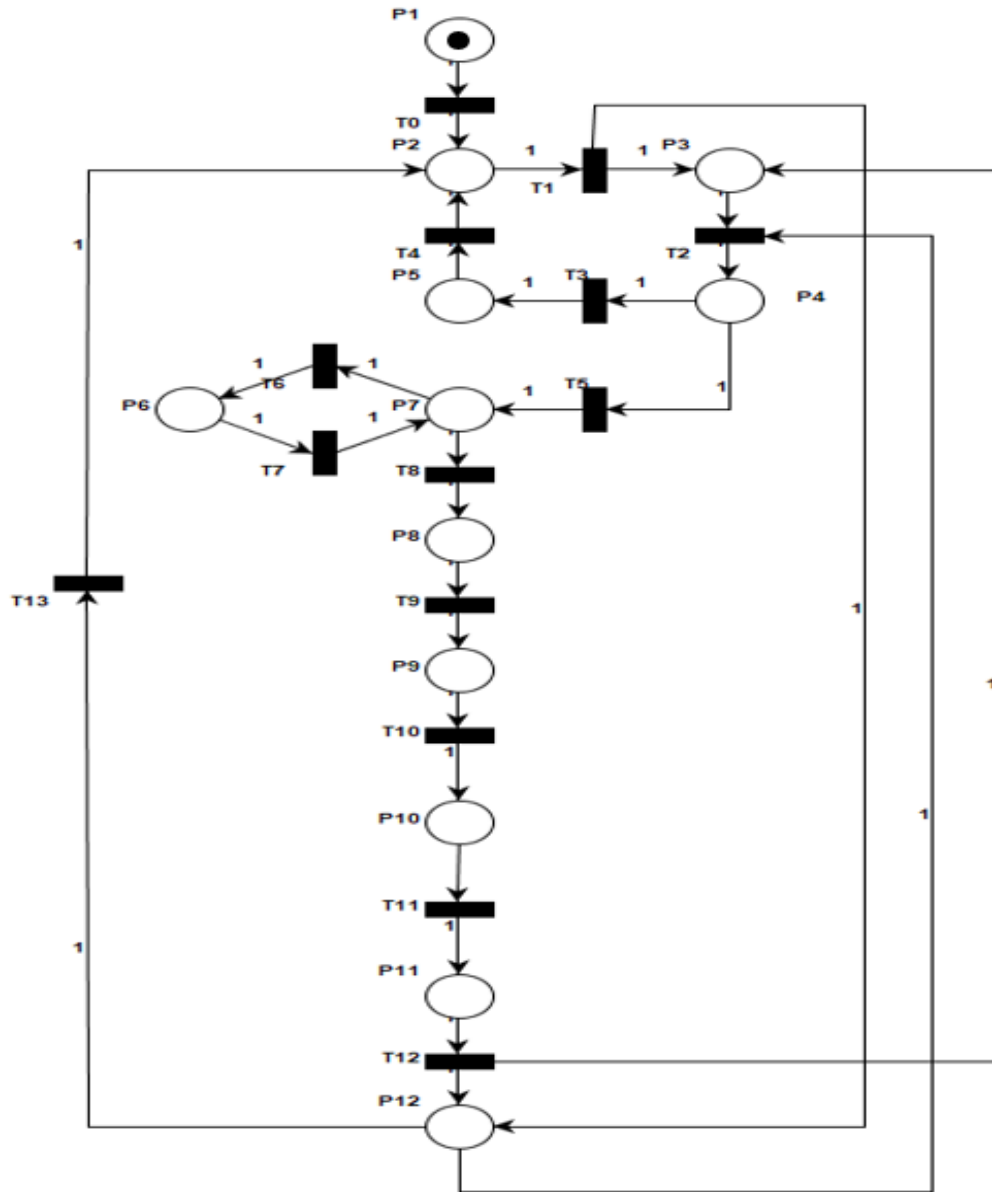


Fig. 3.6. Petri Net model of Version 2

The discrete Petri net model is shown for the updated version in Figure 3.6. As an initial condition, there is a token in P1 assuming the car is ON. P1 activates the

transition T0, that transfers the token from P1 to P2. When there is a token in P2, it states the car is in manual mode. Manual mode will trigger the transition T1 which transfers the token to P3 checking if the system is ON. If the system is ON the T2 transition is triggered and the token is transferred to P4. The token in P4 can trigger two transitions T3 and T5. The decision is made based on the CC systems condition. If the system is failure, the transition P2. If the system is working it will trigger T5 and starts to detect the front car if any when there is a token in P7. Again, the transition T6, T7 will be triggered on decision basis when there is a token in P7. The place P6 is for cruise control set speed. In the transition T8 the vehicle distance is calculated, and a token is passed in place P8. The place P6, P8, P9, P10, P11 are place for varying distances, speed of the front and host vehicle, current set speed according to the target vehicle. P11 place is to check if the user is pressing the accelerator or brake when CC is ON. If the user is accelerating or braking, the transition T12 is carried out which is connected to the manual mode. If there is no override value for the accelerator or brake position, a feedback loop is linked to transition T2 and the process is carried it out in closed loop.

3.4.3 Drawbacks

There may be situations where the following distance can change drastically due to the rapid change in speed of the target vehicle. To be more precise about the following distance, ranges like critical, close range and safe range should be considered. The control action of manual brake and accelerator should be considered two different places since the outputs are different. Moreover, the cruise speed is not updated in all situations. The case like cruise control switch OFF, when there is no vehicle in the front, what if the system fails are not visualized in the model.

3.5 Final updated model

The final model is designed based on various analysis and considering drawbacks of all other models. A new algorithm is formulated considering all the cases involved in the adaptive cruise control system. Similar to the algorithm stated below [22],

Set Timer to interrupt periodically in a period (T) at each interrupt
do,

- 1) Sensor Scan process (GPS, UI, Brake, Accel, Engine).
- 2) Get current speed.
- 3) Compute control values.
- 4) Update parameters.
- 5) Send adjustment value to throttle.

enddo

This algorithm states the events that happen for cruise control system. The onboarding sensor values and the user's set speed are the inputs. The step Compute control values, will take care of the low level control and updates the parameter values like acceleration/deceleration values and the signal is set to the throttle for adjusting the speed according to the set speed. For Adaptive cruise control, the higher level events are captured and stated in the algorithm given in figure 3.7.

The various assumptions are the ACC is implemented in a manual driven car. The autonomous or driverless cars are not in the scope of the research. Depending on the OEMs, the minimum speed required to enable the cruise control differs. The fault check flag basically checks the cruising system and the RADAR sensor. So, once the Cruise button is ON by the driver, if the flag is 1, either there is no signal from the cruise system or the RADAR signal is not sent to the ECU. In such case, the vehicle will continue in the manual driving mode with the desired speed. Once, there is a signal from both the system is received, the distance is calculated with respect to the target vehicle. The distance can be categorized into 3 ranges as critical, close range and safe range. The events and the control strategy is taken care for all the ranges. In

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If
  Driver in car, fastened seat belt, CAR is ON and Engine in crank state
  Enable -> Manual mode of driving and record the manual speed
    If CC switch is ON
      Do, fault check on the system
      If Fault flag is 1 -> Vehicle is in manual mode
      Else
        If vehicle is detected and then
          If (1 Car length < range < 3 Car length)
            (Car is in safe range)
            Do -> If faster moving vehicle ahead
              Check to continue CC speed
            Else
              Change speed based on the front vehicle
          Else If (range < 1 Car length and range > Half of 1 Car length)
            (Car is in close range)
            Do -> reduce the speed
          Else if (range < Half of 1 Car length)
            (Car is in critical range)
            Do -> Brake
          Else
            Continue in set speed
        Else
          Continue in CC set speed
      Else
        CC is OFF / CC override is enable
        Go back to manual mode
    Else
      Stop

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Fig. 3.7. Algorithm of ACC

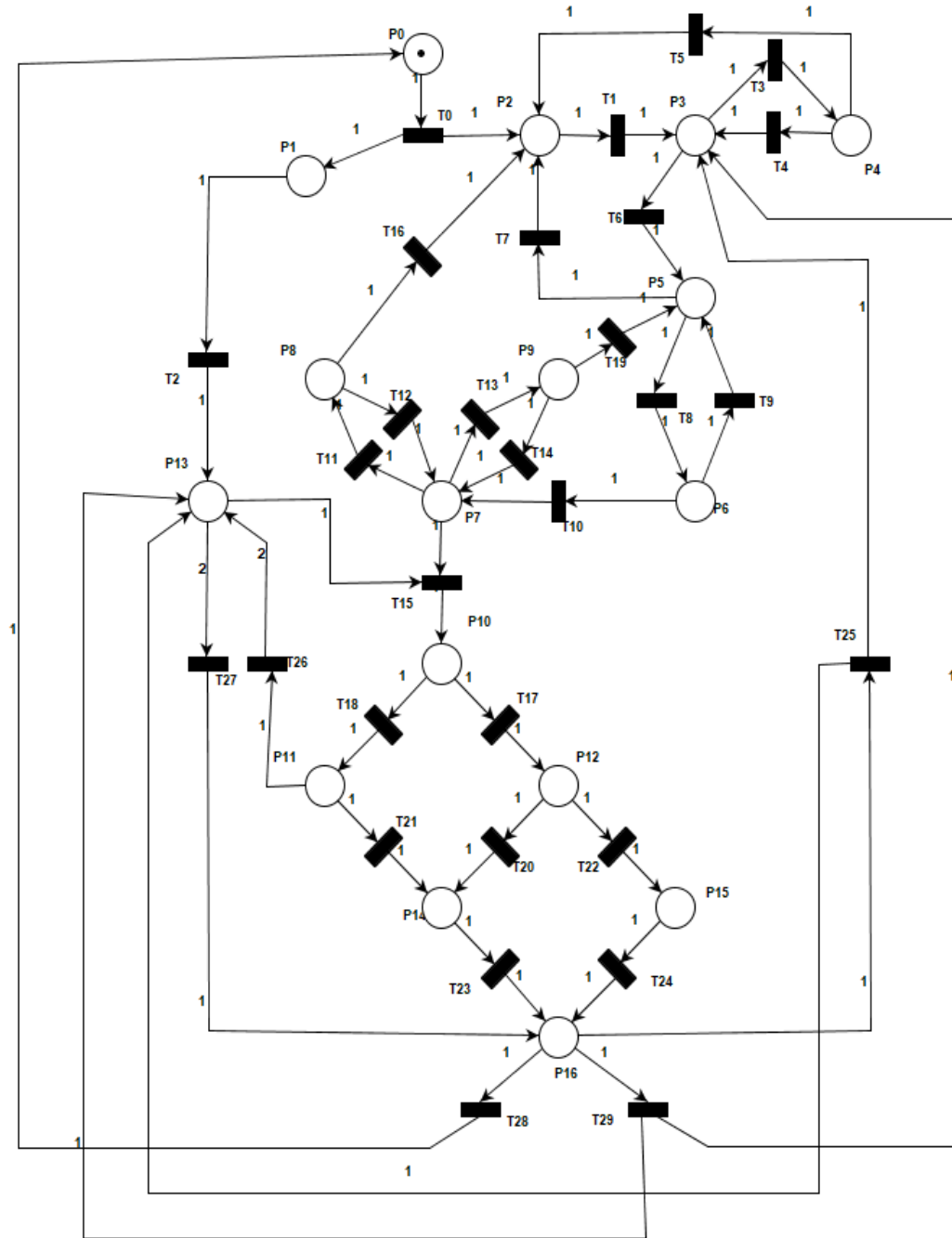


Fig. 3.8. Final model of ACC

this research the range numbers are just an example to simulate the concept. Usually 2 car distance is considered as the safe range. The safe distance between cars can be

defined according the target vehicle. There is a research on the safe distance [23] in which they have explained the different way of calculating safe distance based on the situation like braking process, based on headway, based on static target, slow moving target [23] In this research the two conditions considered based on the target vehicle are fast moving or slow moving vehicle. If the vehicle is moving fast, i.e, if the system is too far from any target vehicle then it will begin to execute based on the cruise control algorithm [24]. Basically it will try to match the velocity of the vehicle with the set velocity. If the vehicle is slow, the cruise speed set value is adjusted internally based on the velocity of the target vehicle (again velocity matching concept is carried out).

Table 3.2.: Transitions in ACC model

Transitions
T0 - Checks all the initial conditions
T1 - Enable CC control
T2 - Transfer manual speed to CC
T3 - CC switch OFF
T4 - CC switch ON
T5 - Back to manual control
T6 - CC enabled
T7 - System failure
T8 - System failure Flag OFF
T9 - System failure Flag ON
T10 - ACC enabled
T11 - Braking enabled
T12 - Target car detection enabled
T13 - Target car is not detected
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Transitions
T14 - Target car detection enabled
T15 - Target car detected
T16 - Continue in the manual driving
T17 - Slow moving vehicle detected
T18 - Fast moving vehicle detected
T19 - Re-check system status
T20 - Close range detected for fast moving target
T21 - Close range detected for slow moving target
T22 - Safe range detected
T23 - Continue monitoring and maintain safe range
T24 - Continue monitoring and maintain safe range
T25 - Match to target vehicle speed
T26 - Follow the CC speed
T27 - Continue monitoring the system
T28 - System refresh
T29 - Update the new speed

Assuming that the driver is in the car, fastened seat belt, CAR is ON, all the on-boarding sensors are ON and the engine is in crank state the initial token is placed in P0. A token in P0 enables the transition T0, engine running state and passes a token in P2 stating the car is in manual driving mode and a token in P1 to record the manual speed of the vehicle at that instance. When the car is in manual mode, if the cruise control is switched ON by the driver, the transition T1 is carried out to place a token in P3 indicating the CC is ON. Here if the driver changes his mind and switch OFF's the CC button, the transition T3 is enabled placing a token in P4 stating the cruise is OFF followed by transition T5 directing it to the manual driving

Table 3.1.
Places in the model

Places
P0-Key ON
P1 - Records speed of the vehicle
P2 - Manual mode of the vehicle
P3 - Cruise Control button ON
P4 - Cruise Control button OFF
P5 - System Fault check flag active
P6 - System Fault check flag inactive
P7 - Target car detected
P8 - Braking is enabled
P9 - No car in the headway
P10 - Comparing speed with target vehicle
P11 - Check the distance between host and Fast moving target vehicle
P12 - Check the distance between host and slow moving target vehicle
P13 - Records Adaptive cruise control speed
P14 - Close-Range (critical but stable distance between 2 cars)
P15 - Safe-Range (safest distance between 2 cars to match the speed)
P16 - Continue to monitor ACC system

mode. The transition T6 enabled if the CC is in ON state which check the system failure. In this transition, a Fault flag status is checked when there is a token in P5. If there is a fault transition T7 is enabled to continue in the manual mode putting a token in P2 or else T8 is fired placing token in P6 stating the system is working enabling the transition T10. With T10 enabled a token is sent to P7 stating the car is detected. When the car is detected, and it is in critical range, transition T11 is carried out putting a token in P8 directing to P2 through transition T16.

If the ACC is enabled and there is no vehicle detected in the range, transition T13 is carried out by putting a token in P9 directed to the system check by the transition T19. To enable transition T15, a token from P7 and a token from P13 is required. The place P13 gets enabled by the transition T2 noting the speed for the CC control. It is a place that keeps updating the speed of the vehicle for all cases basically considered as a buffer place. When there is token in P10 either T18 or T17 can fire. The decision is taken based on the target vehicle. If the target vehicle is a fast moving vehicle T18 is fired else T17 is fired considering the target vehicle is a slow moving one. Let's consider the target vehicle is moving fast triggering T18 and a token in P11, now the distance range is noted. If the vehicle is in out of range, T26 is fired and the vehicle follows in the set CC speed. If the range is a close range where its not too close and not out of range, T21 is fired placing a token in P14 which adjusts the velocity according to the target vehicle achieved by the low level controls (accelerator or brake) in transition T23 and updated the current speed in P13. Now, let's consider the transition T17 from P10 which puts token in P12 indicating the slow moving vehicle ahead. Then if the distance is a close range, T20 else the cars are in safe range and transition T22 is carried out and putting a token in P15. Transition T24 is similar to T23 placing a token in P16 which end up in updating the speed in the place P13. The transition T25 is the one that compute the values and update the adjusted speed in the place P13. For continue monitoring purpose, enabling the transition T25 puts a token in P7 where it will check the fault flag status and continues the working of the system.

The ACC can be in 4 states. ACC OFF, ACC active, ACC inactive and ACC active and accelerate [24] The former 2 states are ON/OFF of ACC depending on the vehicle detected. The manual action of driver can overrule the ACC state by pressing the brake or accelerator. In cases when driver wants to increase the following distance or planned to match the speed of the right lane if he intended to change lanes, the driver presses the brake pedal and it goes to ACC inactive state enabling the transition T28 to put token in the place P1 indicating the control of vehicle is done manually. In case of decreasing the distance between the cars, overtaking the lead vehicle, the driver decides to accelerates which puts the ACC in "ACC active and accelerate" state. This state will take the overridden acceleration as the current speed by disabling the set speed for time-being and will be back to the set cruising speed once the driver releases his/her leg from the throttle pedal. In this state, the transition T29 is enabled and the current speed is updated in the place P13.

3.6 Invariant Analysis

According to the state equation stated in equation 2.10, the incident matrix, B of the model is calculated using the input and output incident matrix B^- and B^+ . The matrices are as follows,

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

3.6.1 Place invariant

The place invariant is given by sets of places whose number of token weights remains constant for all possible markings. It can be explained as,

$$x_1.M(P_0) + x_2.M(P_1) + \dots + x_k.M(P_k) = x_0 \quad (3.7)$$

where x_0 is the constant. The place invariant of the model is given as,

$$\begin{aligned} &2M(P_0) + M(P_1) + M(P_2) + M(P_3) + M(P_4) + M(P_5) + M(P_6) + M(P_7) \\ &+ M(P_8) + M(P_9) + 2M(P_{10}) + 2M(P_{11}) + 2M(P_{12}) + M(P_{13}) \\ &+ 2M(P_{14}) + 2M(P_{15}) + 2M(P_{16}) = 2 \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

In the developed Petri net model of ACC, all the places with the weights on the arc form the place invariant with the co-efficient 2. For instance, considering the initial condition, $M(P_0)=1$, and all other markings($M(P_1) + M(P_2) + \dots + M(P_{16})$) are 0. Substituting in the equation 3.8, we get,

$$2 \times 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 2 \quad (3.9)$$

Thus satisfying the place invariant condition.

3.6.2 Transition Invariant:

The model is bounded and following are the various transition invariants,

$T_3 + T_4$: Turning ON and OFF cruise control system doesn't increment number of state of CC system of being from ON/OFF. That is the state remains in either ON/OFF for any number of transitions (triggering T_3, T_4).

$T_1 + T_3 + T_5$: Once the CC system is OFF, the number of tokens involved being in the state of Manual Control CC System OFF, remains same.

$T_1 + T_6 + T_7$: Once the CC system is ON and System adheres a failure, the number of tokens involved during the loop for any number of transitions (triggering T_1, T_6, T_7) in any fashion remains the same.

$T_8 + T_9$: RADAR System Failure and Active doesn't change the number of state of RADAR system of being from Failure/Active. That is the state remains in either Failure/Active for any number of transitions (triggering T_8, T_9).

$T_{11} + T_{12}$: Triggering Breaking to Manual mode or Target Car detection for any number of times doesn't change the tokens involved in the system of being from breaking/target detected. That is the state remains in either breaking/target detected for any number of transitions (triggering T_{11}, T_{12}).

$T_{13} + T_{14}$ Triggering Target not detected or Target Car detected for any number of times doesn't change the tokens involved in the system of being from detected/not detected. That is the state remains in either detected/not detected for any number of transitions (triggering T_{13}, T_{14}).

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{11} + T_{16}$: When a target car is detected and is too close to the host car, where only possibility is to break, then the system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system is Active, Target is Detected and Breaking and transfer to Manual control mode and loop until new states are found.

$T_8 + T_{10} + T_{13} + T_{19}$: When a target car is not detected, then the system remains in any of the following state that is RADAR system is Active, Target is Check and Target Not Detected and transfer back to RADAR system check and loop until new states are found.

$T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{17} + T_{20} + T_{23} + T_{28}$: When a manual breaking is inquired while in ACC with Fast Target Vehicle and Safe Distance detection, then system remains in any of the following state that is, Manual Control mode, CC system ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Fast moving target detected, a Safe distance between the 2 vehicles detected and Manual breaking detected. Then loop back to Manual Control mode until new states are found.

$T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{17} + T_{22} + T_{24} + T_{28}$: When a manual intervention is inquired while in ACC with Fast Target Vehicle and Close Distance detection, then system remains in any of the following state that is, Manual Control mode, CC system

ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Fast moving target detected, a Close distance between the 2 vehicles detected and Manual breaking detected. Then loop back to Manual Control mode until new states are found.

$T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{18} + T_{26} + T_{27} + T_{28}$: When a manual breaking is inquired while in ACC with Slow Target Vehicle and Cruise Mode, then system remains in any of the following state that is, Manual Control mode, CC system ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a Safe distance between the 2 vehicles detected so be in cruise mode, and Manual breaking detected. Then loop back to Manual Control mode until new states are found.

$T_0 + T_1 + T_2 + T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{18} + T_{21} + T_{23} + T_{28}$: When a manual breaking is inquired while in ACC with Slow Target Vehicle and Close Distance detection, then system remains in any of the following state that is, Manual Control mode, CC system ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a Close distance between the 2 vehicles detected and Manual breaking detected. Then loop back to Manual Control mode until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{17} + T_{21} + T_{23} + T_{25}$: When in ACC with Slow moving Target Vehicle and Close Distance detection, then system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a Close distance between the 2 vehicles detected and updating new CC speed. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{18} + T_{25} + T_{26} + T_{27}$: When in ACC with Slow moving Target Vehicle enabling cruise mode, then system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a safe distance between the 2 vehicles detected enabling cruise mode and updating new cruise speed. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{17} + T_{20} + T_{23} + T_{29}$: When a manual acceleration is inquired while in ACC with Fast moving Target Vehicle at a close range, then system

remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a close distance between the 2 vehicles detected and new manual acceleration detected and updated. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{18} + T_{21} + T_{23} + T_{29}$: When a manual acceleration is inquired while in ACC with Slow moving Target Vehicle at a close range, then system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a close distance between the 2 vehicles detected and new manual acceleration detected and updated. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{17} + T_{22} + T_{24} + T_{29}$: When a manual acceleration is inquired while in ACC with Fast moving Target Vehicle at safe range, then system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Fast moving target detected, a safe distance between the 2 vehicles detected and new manual acceleration detected and updated. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

$T_6 + T_8 + T_{10} + T_{15} + T_{18} + T_{26} + T_{27} + T_{29}$: When a manual acceleration is inquired while in ACC with Slow moving Target Vehicle enabling cruise mode, then system remains in any of the following state that is CC system is ON, RADAR system Active, Target Vehicle Detected, Slow moving target detected, a safe distance between the 2 vehicles detected enabling cruise mode and new manual acceleration detected and updated. Then loop back to Cruise System status check until new states are found.

3.6.3 Reachability states

The reachability tree or reachable graph is used to pictorially visualize all the reachable states in the Petri net model as shown in figure 3.9. Normally it will be in the form of row vectors representing each states. Here, since the matrix is of 17×30 each state is notified as a circle like S1, S2, etc. The corresponding transitions are

also marked on the arc for better understanding. Each state has a physical meaning depending on what transition is carried out at that point of time. The number of reachable markings are 24. Each are a row vector of 1×30 . The various reachable states are listed below.

S0-T0-S1

S1-T1-S3

S1-T2-S2

S3-T2-S4

S3-T16-S5

S3-T3-S6

S6-T3-S3 (Duplicate node)

S4-T16-S7

S4-T3-S8

S8-T4-S4 (Duplicate node)

S5-T8-S9

S9-T2-S10

S9-T10-S11

S10-T10-S12

S11-T13-S13

S13-T14-S11 (Duplicate node)

S11-T11-S14

S14-T12-S11 (Duplicate node)

S12-T15-S15

S12-T13-S16

S16-T14-S12 (Duplicate node)

S12-T11-S17

S17-T12-S12 (Duplicate node)

S15-T18-S18

S15-T17-S19

S18-T26-S20

S18-T21-S21

S19-T20-S21 (Duplicate node)

S19-T22-S22

S20-T27-S23

S21-T23-S23 (Duplicate node)

S22-T24-S23 (Duplicate node)

S23-T25-S4 (Duplicate node)

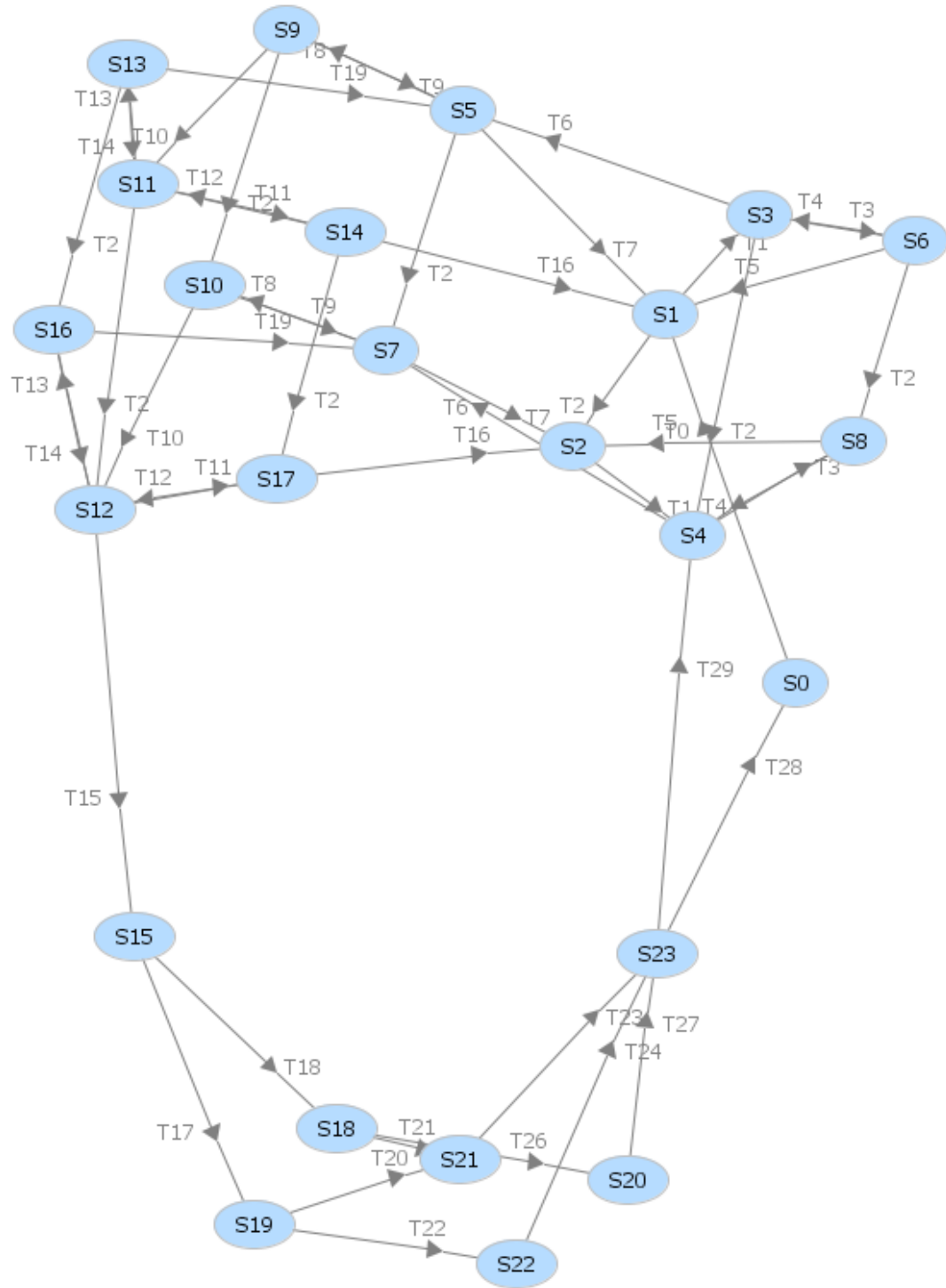


Fig. 3.9. Reachability States

4. CONTROLLER AND FAULT TOLERANCE

4.1 Controller

There can be a chance when the modeled Petri net is violating certain cases, in such cases the controllers are being introduced to control the flow as expected and to achieve the expected output. This can be done either by invariant analysis by introducing controller places [25] or introducing external controller signals. The control goal is to force the process to obey certain constraints. The following is the model with the 2 new controllers introduced in Figure 4.1 The controller here basically make sure the driver action and the transition are taking place at a right time and as expected. The controller C1 is controlling the transition T28. If the driver presses the brake pedal and if there is a token in P16 the transition T28 is enabled. The triangle place in the model represents the controllers. It's the external signal given to the model to enable the transition and follow the control flow. If T28 is enabled the ACC will be disabled and refresh the system and states from the first. The controller C2 is similar to C1 and it takes care of the accelerator pedal position.

The driver's action of pressing the accelerator pedal is an external signal used to enable the transition T29 as explained. If both the conditions are satisfied the transition T29 is enabled and the speed of the vehicle is changed according to the amount of accelerator pedal pressed. The temporary speed is updated in the place P13. Once the driver releases the throttle pedal, the vehicle goes back to the set speed of the Cruise control.

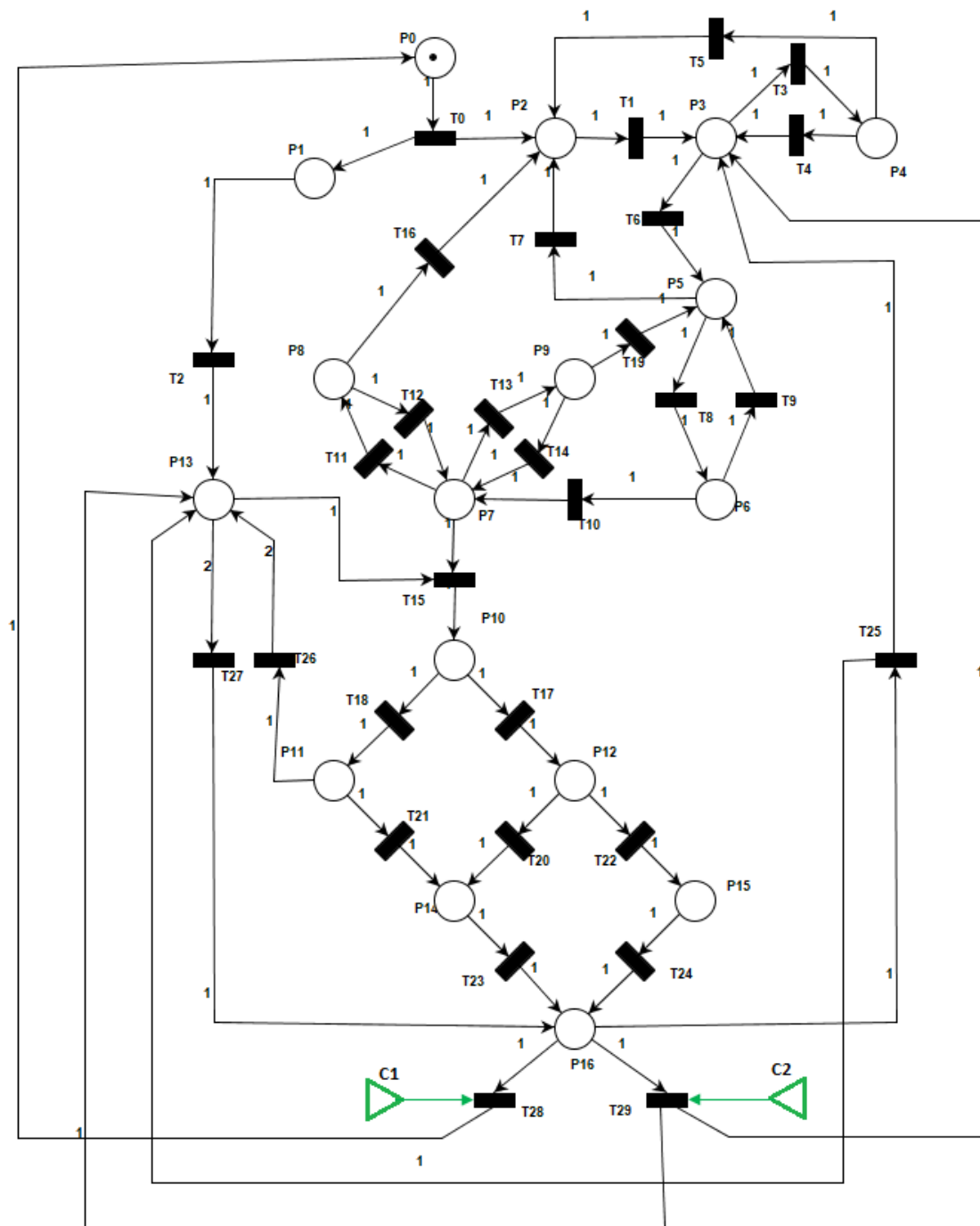


Fig. 4.1. ACC Model with Controller

The two main control objective considered are,

X_1 = If the driver move leg from Accelerator pedal to brake

X_2 = If the driver move leg from brake to Accelerator pedal

$$C_1 = \begin{cases} 1, & T28 \text{ is firing} \wedge X_1 \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases} \quad (4.1)$$

$$C_2 = \begin{cases} 1, & T29 \text{ is firing} \wedge X_2 \\ 0, & otherwise \end{cases} \quad (4.2)$$

The reachable states of the controller action is shown in the figures 4.2 and 4.3. For example, in figure 4.2 state S23 indicated the controller's execution. In this state if the driver action of pressing the throttle pedal is happening and a token in the place P16 transition T29 is carried out and it reaches the state S24 indicating the process of continuing the loop for updating the speed in the place P13 and continuous checking of the vehicle ahead. If the case in figure 4.3 is considered, in the state S23 the controller execution is carried out based on the braking action of the driver and the token in the place P13 and the transition T28 is enabled to disable the ACC function and refresh the system.

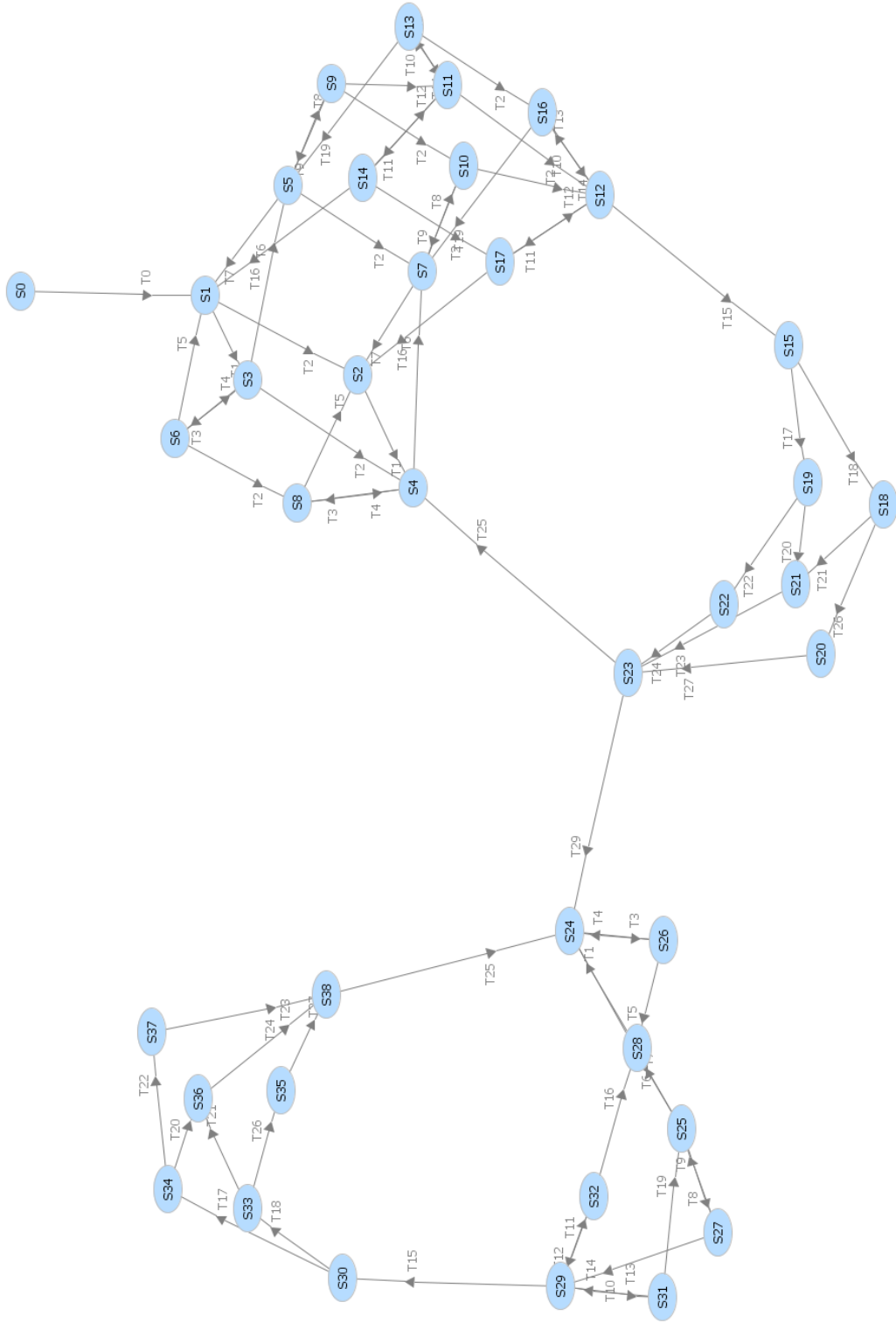


Fig. 4.2. ACC Reachability Controller Manual Acceleration Enabled

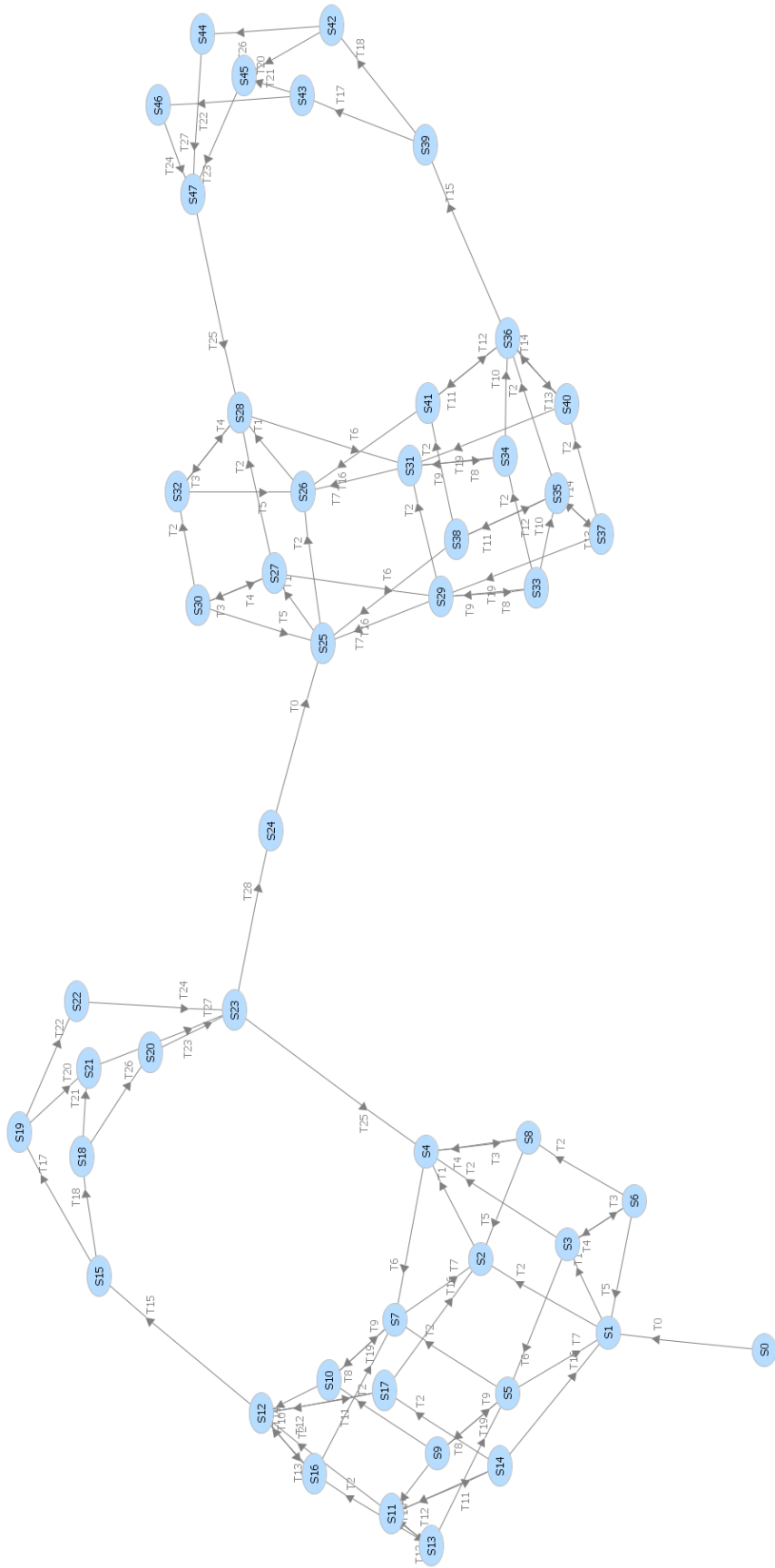


Fig. 4.3. ACC Reachability Controller Manual BrakingEnabled

4.2 Fault tolerance Techniques

The fault tolerance techniques is implemented on the controller places introduced in the model to control the accelerator and brake pedal. In this section fault models used in the fault detection and identification schemes are discussed. There are two different fault models, they are Place Fault and Transition Fault [26]. Only place faults are considered in this research.

Place Fault: A place fault is a case where the token of that single is debased due to certain actions in the Petri net model. A place fault at time t results in the incorrect state $M_f[t]$ that can be expressed as,

$$M_f[t] = M[t] - error_p \quad (4.3)$$

where $M[t]$ is the state that is supposed to be reached in fault-free conditions and $error_p \in Z^n$ is the place error vector. If the i^{th} entry of $error_p$ is negative, then the number of tokens in the i^{th} place has been reduced because of the fault; if the token number is positive, then the token number increased in i^{th} place.

4.2.1 Separate Redundant Petri Net Controllers

A Petri Net controller P_{c1} and P_{c2} can be maintained as fault free places using a separate redundant Petri Net controller. For separate redundant controller new places and transition are added to the existing model to do the fault tolerance. Basically linear parity checks are done on the combined marking of the newly added places and the existing Petri net. This is basic to ensure the redundancy is caught in all states that should concurrently capture the faults. The detection and identification of faults in the controlled Petri net system is achieved by adding d places in the original Petri net controller so that we obtain a separate redundant Petri net controller with

$\eta \equiv n_c + d$ where $d > 0$ places and m transitions. The state evolution of this separate redundant Petri net controller is given by,

$$M_h[t+1] = M_h[t] + \begin{pmatrix} B_c^+ \\ X^+ \end{pmatrix} x[t] - \begin{pmatrix} B_c^- \\ X^- \end{pmatrix} x[t] \quad (4.4)$$

where $x[t]$ is the firing vector (that indicates current firing m transitions in the Petri net), B_c^+ is the output incident matrix and B_c^- is the input incident matrix of the original Petri net controller. The initial number of tokens in the d redundant places and the arc weights connecting the added places with transitions in the Petri net plant (captured by X^+ and X^- are chosen so that, at all time epochs t , $C M_c[t]$ with C being $d \times n_c$ integer matrix to be designed.

Theorem 1: Under fault-free conditions, the separate redundant Petri net controller defined above has encoded state $M_h[t] = \begin{pmatrix} I_{nc} \\ C \end{pmatrix} M_c[t]$ all time epochs t and is maximally permissive (i.e., it only inhibits transitions that are also inhibited by the original controller) if and only if C is a matrix with nonnegative entries and D is a $d \times m$ matrix with nonnegative entries such that $D \leq \min(CB_c^+, CB_c^-)$ (inequality is taken element-wise).

4.2.2 Fault Detection and Identification

By using the redundant Petri net controller in Theorem1, we essentially encode the original controller state $M_c[t]$ into a code word $M_h[t]$ that consists of the original controller state and the state of the added places. The validation of an invalid marking $M_f[t]$ is done by checking the parity check matrix,

$$P = \begin{pmatrix} -C & I_d \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.5)$$

to verify whether the fault syndrome, defined as,

$$s[t] \equiv P \cdot M_f[t], \quad (4.6)$$

is equal to 0. (This is clearly true under fault-free conditions because $M_f[t] = M_h[t]$
 $= \begin{pmatrix} I_{nc} \\ C \end{pmatrix} M_c[t]$). For place faults, the fault syndrome at time epoch t is given by,

$$s_p[t] \equiv P \cdot M_f[t] = P \cdot (M_h[t] + error_P) = P \cdot error_P \quad (4.7)$$

and detection and identification is exclusively determined by matrix P . For instance, to be able to detect and identify a single place fault, we need to choose matrix C such that any two columns of matrix P are not rational multiples of each other.

Actually, with d redundant places it is possible to simultaneously identify $d - 1$ transition faults and $d/2$ place faults.

4.2.3 Detection and Identification of a Single Place Fault

The assumption made here is, there is no transition fault occurred and how the fault detection and identification is done even there is a fault found in a single place is discussed. This method can identify the fault in a single place for any Petri net model. If we choose,

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.8)$$

the corresponding redundant controller has incident matrix,

$$B_c^r = \begin{pmatrix} B_c \\ C \cdot B_c \end{pmatrix} \quad (4.9)$$

and initial marking $M_{c0} = \begin{pmatrix} I_{nc} \\ C \end{pmatrix} M_c[t]$. Note that the choice of matrix C ensures that the columns of the parity check P are not rational multiples of each other (which guarantees detection and identification of single place faults). The next step is to detect and identify a single place fault. The incident matrix of the original controller is B_c formed with B_c^+ and B_c^- . The D matrix is of format minimum of B_c^+ and B_c^- . Since the choice of matrix D is not critical in the detection and identification of place faults, any non-zero matrix can be considered with the corresponding dimensions.

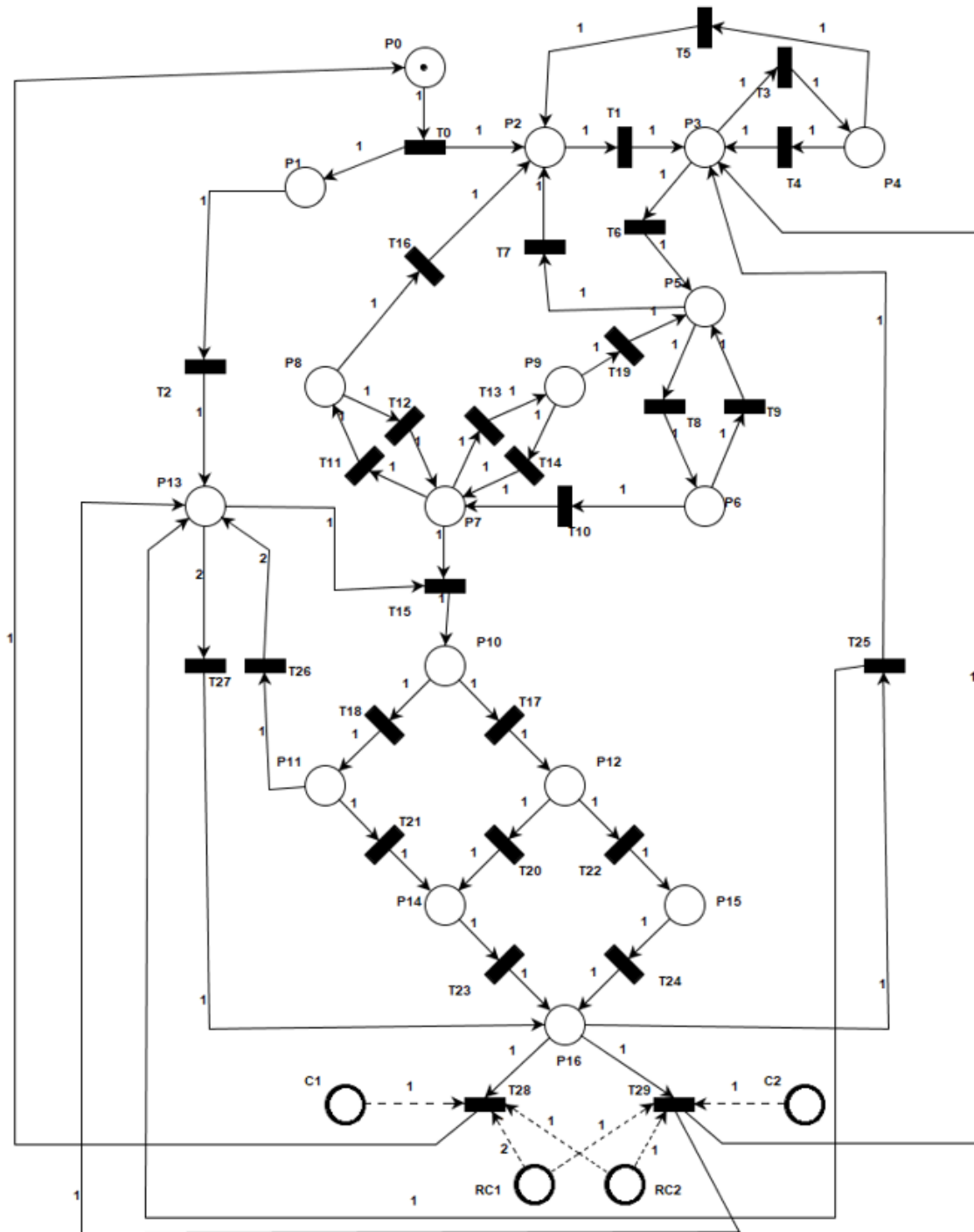


Fig. 4.4. ACC Model with Redundant Controller places

ADAS to analyze drivers comfort and problems for the betterment of the technology. In reference it explains how to determine whether drivers who are using ACC in their personal vehicle respond appropriately to the feedback provided by a familiar ACC system under crash-likely scenarios and to analyze if there are any error pattern followed by the drivers that might have impact the safety issues and how to find a countermeasures if there are any safety-critical errors made by the drivers by misuse of the system. The main area of research to be concerned on driver response are the HMI and driver psychology. The knowledge on this helps to write the criteria for enabling the transition and to decide the number of tokens to be put in a place.

The hardware failure like brake, accelerator, loss of steering control, worn out CC ON/OFF switch and engine stall suddenly due to certain cause comes under the tree of cruise control system failure due to hardware issues. This is rarely caused and it is common for all features in the car.

4.3.2 Model failure

Petri nets comes under visualizing the working of the software designed according to the control flow. If there are any parameters not set accordingly or if there are any calibration issue, the system might not work as expected and it can be figured out while simulating the Petri net model. If a certain transition is not triggered, the inputs and the enabling condition can be checked to find the root cause of the issue. For example, let us consider the case of RADAR sensor. For RADAR the bandwidth is set in the calibration for the detection of the vehicle in the front. If there is a fault in the calibration i.e, if some parameter is not set accordingly, the transition T8 won't be enabled and the place P6 will never get a token unless the calibration is set properly. This case is considered as the system failure. There can be others situation like various noises affecting the model that leads to system failure. This noise can affect places like Cruise speed updates, detection of objects using RADAR or any other sensors or even in the response time of switching ON/OFF of Cruise

control button. Suppose due to fault, there are 2 tokens placed in the place P16, if the transition T28 and T29 will happen next to next which will deploy the system by sending signal to both brake and accelerator leading to failure of the system and fatal issues. These cases should be controlled accordingly.

5. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

5.1 Conclusion

The Petri net model of the feature ACC is designed and analyzed based on the various functionality like place invariant, transition invariant and reachability tree. Then the fault tolerant techniques are implemented on the controller places introduced for controlling the brake and accelerator actions. So if there is a transient fault in the Petri net model, the fault causing place can be identified using this techniques mentioned in this research. According to the analysis carried out in 2017, the ACC system is simulated in Matlab and Simulink considering various cases and the probabilities of a collision and a near miss were computed based on regular test cases and critical test cases [2]. The ACC system working in mixed traffic is analyzed for better stability [16]. The various other ongoing research on ACC and CACC helps in improvement of the model and safety.

5.2 Future Work

5.2.1 Hybrid PetriNet model Integration

The discrete model of Adaptive cruise control logic is discussed considering all states and transitions as discrete events. To observe the dynamics of the vehicle in the Petri net flow, hybrid Petri net can be used. The dynamic places can be represented as continuous places and the event driven can be discrete places. In the discrete model the places that represents speed, distance, set speed, adjust speed are considered as continuous places and the model should be modified accordingly. There might be few discrepancies in the model due to the looping methodology and newly introduced continuous places. Like the place P3 in figure 3.8, that takes the

manual speed continuously for every iteration and it is replaced by the new adjusted set speed for every iteration if the car is detected. In this scenario, since the tokens in P3 are real time numbers we cannot define the weight of the arc for the transition to happen. For these cases Timed Petri Nets and colored Petri nets comes into picture [27]. The model can also be improvised by considering the cut-in vehicle scenarios for betterment of safety [28].

5.2.2 SimHPN tool

Since the reachability tree for continuous and hybrid model cannot be achieved using reachability algorithm, a simulation tool called SimHPN can be used. It is a GUI for the users to simulate and analyze the Petri net models. This tool basically is an add on tool in Matlab with the control panels for simulations and carry out analysis methods. The Menu bar has different features available in the SimHPN toolbox as Model, Options, Simulation, Discrete, Continuous and Hybrid for specified model analysis [29].

5.2.3 Interface with other safety features

As ACC is an active safety feature, it can be interfaced with other safety features like lane control, blind spot warning, lane change warning for the better protection of car and leading to the scope of autonomous vehicles. Petri nets being a graphical tool, system behavior can be easily depicted through mathematical firing equations.

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